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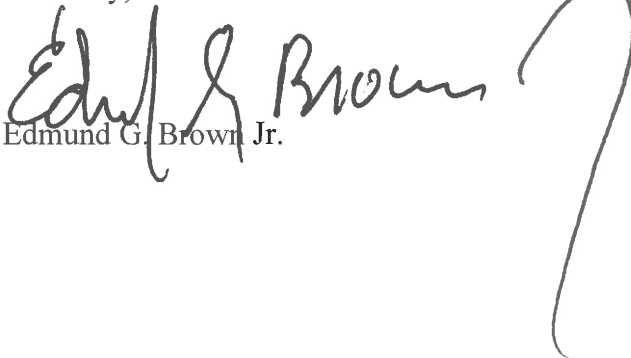
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2448 without my signature.

This bill suspends the CalWORKs 24-month time clock for up to 12 months for recipients actively seeking their high school diploma or equivalent.

There is flexibility in this program which allows counties to extend the 24-month clock on a case-by-case basis for recipients making progress toward their high school diploma. I am not convinced that a state level suspension as called for in this bill is necessary.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.