



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 47 without my signature.

The bill would require state preschool programs to be available to all children, who are not already in transitional kindergarten and are eligible for subsidies, by June 30, 2018, contingent on a sufficient appropriation.

Last year's education omnibus trailer bill already codified the intent to make preschool and other full-day, full year early education and care opportunities available to all low-income children. The discussion on expanding state preschool – which takes into account rates paid to providers as well as access and availability for families – should be considered in the budget process, as it is every year. A bill that sets an arbitrary deadline, contingent on a sufficient appropriation, is unnecessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed G. Brown Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.