



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 580 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Department of Education to develop model referral protocols to address the appropriate and timely referral by school staff of students with mental health concerns.

California does not currently have specific model referral protocols for addressing student mental health as outlined by this bill. However, the California Department of Education recently received a grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to identify and address critical student and family mental health needs.

It's premature to impose an additional and overly prescriptive requirement until the current efforts are completed and we can strategically target resources to best address student mental health.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.