



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 994 without my signature.

This bill requires every prosecuting agency to establish a post-plea misdemeanor diversion program.

Counties can establish diversion programs under current law, and many already have excellent diversion programs that suit their local circumstances. I believe prosecutors and counties are best situated to decide whether, or what kind of, a diversion program would be appropriate.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.