

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1040 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to convene a work group to review challenges faced by families with children adopted from the foster care system, children adopted with special needs, or internationally adopted children.

The intent of this bill is to prevent the transfer of these children from one home to another outside of the adoption process. Rather than establishing another work group, I believe that these issues should be handled by the Department of Social Services in the normal course of its work on adoptions with counties, adoption agencies and interested stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Edmund G. Brown