



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1078 without my signature.

This bill prohibits an arbitrator from accepting an offer of employment in a future case involving a party or lawyer in a pending arbitration, without prior written consent. The bill also adds prohibitions and disclosure requirements relating to certain solicitations made by private arbitration companies.

Arbitrators in California are already subject to stringent disclosure requirements under existing state law and Judicial Council standards. I am reluctant to add additional disclosure rules and further prohibitions without evidence of a problem. Further, the existing Judicial Council procedure for amending arbitrator ethics standards is a deliberative and public process that can more appropriately consider additional requirements.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.