



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 17 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to create a competitive grant program for local transit agencies to provide free and reduced-fare transit passes for low-income students.

Many transit agencies, including the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, already have a variety of reduced-fare transit programs for students. Before we create this new statewide program, I think we should have a fuller discussion on how local transit discount programs work and how any new ones should be paid for.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.