



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 935 without my signature.

This bill revises the procedure to determine the mental competence of a juvenile charged with a crime, and limits the time a juvenile who is found to be incompetent can be incarcerated.

I applaud the author for addressing a subject that is in need of review, and I support finding a solution to address any gaps in the procedures for juveniles who are found not to be competent to face court proceedings.

I am concerned, however, with the rare instances in which youth are accused of very serious crimes. I encourage further review as to how these situations may be accounted for while preserving the author's underlying intent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.