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To the Members of the California State Senate:


I am returning Senate Bill 478 without my signature.

This bill would require each community college to identify all students who have completed the requirements for an associate degree for transfer and automatically award that degree, but only in those years where the state budget appropriates specific funds for this purpose.

I support efforts to increase the number of transfer students to the California State University and the University of California, as well as to other four-year private universities, but funding a sporadic, manual "degree audit" is not the answer.

It would be better for community colleges to update their technology systems and processes in total, so that all students know how close they are to completing their degrees.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.