



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1801 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish a 13-member Commission to identify public educational resources for, and examine research and data relating to, Cytomegalovirus, a non-genetic virus which causes birth defects.

Researching, educating and testing for diseases in newborns is the function of the Department of Public Health's Newborn Screening program. I encourage the author to work with this department to review and assess this disease rather than create a new governmental body in a different department.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.