



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2005 without my signature.

This bill would authorize a law enforcement agency to forward a report of child abuse or neglect to the Department of Justice for inclusion in the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI).

In 2011 I signed AB 717 (Ammiano), which was intended to update the procedures governing the index as well as establish due process protections for individuals added to the database. At that time, the ability of law enforcement to submit cases to the index was eliminated, in part to eliminate redundancies and reduce costs.

I am not fundamentally opposed to once again granting law enforcement the authority to submit cases to the index, however this bill does so in a manner that would undoubtedly lead to inconsistent application across and within counties. I encourage the proponents to work with the relevant stakeholders, including the Department of Social Services and Department of Justice, to further refine this proposal for future consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.