



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2143 without my signature.

This bill would expand eligibility for educational loan reimbursement grants, through the Licensed Mental Health Provider Education Program, to mental health providers who further their education to become physician assistants or nurse practitioners in mental health facilities.

Physician assistants and nurse practitioners are already eligible for educational loan repayment grants under the state's Advanced Healthcare Loan Repayment Program. Unfortunately, the loan repayment fund referenced in this bill lacks the necessary funding to pay for the hundreds of applications it currently receives. Adding more applicants as this bill requires just compounds the problem.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.