



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2294 without my signature.

This bill requires a court holding a child custody proceeding to request an investigation by a child welfare services agency if the court determines that it cannot protect the child from child abuse.

There is not an identified problem with existing law. Currently, the family court can request an investigation by the local child welfare agency when there are allegations of child abuse. This bill could potentially have the unintended consequence of delaying appropriate referrals of child abuse if a court believes it must first make the findings described in the bill prior to requesting an investigation.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.