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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2691 without my signature.

This bill would establish the "Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative" within the Department of Education at state headquarters "to address the impact of ACEs on the educational outcomes of California pupils".

It's a no brainer that our schools should be sensitive to the unique and diverse characteristics of all students. With that goal in mind, I have signed dozens of bills that have sought to ensure that all our students are free from discrimination, bullying, or any other form of disrespect.

While this bill is intended to do good, I am alarmed by the amount of jargon it creates and the inevitable labeling it will encourage. The issues here are best handled by local schools -- and in plain English.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.