



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 354 without my signature.

This bill requires local schools, upon a parent's request, to translate a student's individualized education program (IEP) and other related documents prepared as part of their special education services in the native language of the parent within 30 days of the IEP meeting.

I cannot support this bill. Current law requires that non-English speaking parents understand their child's IEP, and in fact gives parents the right to have an interpreter present at their child's IEP meetings. To the extent that this is not sufficient, I think the remedy is best handled at the local school district.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.