

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 360 without my signature.

This bill would allow counties to establish restorative justice programs. While I am open to prevention and treatment programs which are proven effective, the principles stated in this bill appear to emphasize alternatives to incarceration, without ensuring public safety. It is also unclear whether the restorative justice program, as proposed in this bill, is limited to first or second-time, nonviolent offenders.

I urge the Legislature to give further attention to these important issues that help shape the juvenile justice system.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger