



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1778 without my signature.

In 2014, I signed Senate Bill 967, making California the first state in the country to define the terms of sexual consent for college students. The bill also required all public and independent postsecondary institutions to adopt "detailed and victim-centered policies and protocols for sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking."

AB 1778 attempts to build on this law by requiring public and independent postsecondary institutions to conduct annual training for all employees on their obligations relative to student reports of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

College campuses are already required to have clear policies and procedures to deal with these reports. The state, in this case, should not have to additionally mandate an annual training schedule for all college employees.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.