



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2029 without my signature.

The bill would add a statutory definition of "sudden unexplained death in childhood" and require coroners to notify parents or responsible parties about the importance of taking tissue samples when such an unexplained death occurs.

Rather than creating a state mandate at this juncture, we should rely on coroners to use their best professional judgment to provide appropriate and relevant information to next of kin for this difficult circumstance.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.