



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2719 without my signature.

The bill makes several changes to the California Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act related to services for out-of-school youth and requires local workforce boards to consider programs accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) when provisioning services for these youth.

I agree that out-of-school youth need our attention. Federal law already requires these youth to be a priority, and our state plan recognizes the need to focus on this very vulnerable group of young people.

Rather than amending state law to give WASC-accredited programs an implied preference, the current, more inclusive approach is a better way to go.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.