



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:


I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill requires that reasonable access to computer technology and the internet be provided to foster youth, as well as youth confined in Department of Juvenile Justice or local juvenile facilities.

While I agree with this bill's intent, the inclusion of state facilities alone will cost upwards of \$15 million for infrastructure upgrades. Also, the reasonable access standard in this bill is vague, and could lead to implementation questions on top of the potentially costly state mandate created by the legislation.

I therefore urge the proponents to revisit the local aspects of this bill in the future, taking these concerns under advisement. In the meantime I am directing the Department of Juvenile Justice to present a plan in the coming year to provide computer and internet access as soon as is practicable, and that can be budgeted for accordingly.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.