



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate

I am returning Senate Bill 1263 without my signature.

This bill seeks to reverse the application of a limited exemption in law that allows a charter school petitioner to locate a single school site outside of its authorizing school district, under specific circumstances. This bill would instead require the charter school to first get permission from the host district where it intends to locate.

Unfortunately, it appears that some districts and charter schools have gone against the spirit of the law and the exemption has instead become the rule. This has led to litigation and strained relationships among districts and charter schools.

While this bill attempts to solve a real problem, I am not comfortable with the retroactive language that could force existing charter schools to change locations.

I have assembled a team to examine this situation and come back with solutions that minimize disruption to students and parents.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.