



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1352 without my signature.

This well-intentioned bill would authorize counties to establish child advocacy centers through which local professionals would investigate and prosecute child abuse cases.

Currently, 33 counties in the state have established child advocacy centers, indicating that state prescription in this area is unnecessary. More to the point, this bill would lock into statute specific requirements for these centers that may or may not fit with what local county leaders see as the best way to handle these sensitive cases. A "one-size-fits-all" approach goes against the goals of Child Welfare Services Realignment, which was designed to give counties flexibility to tailor programs as they deem appropriate.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.