



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 723 without my signature.

This measure requires a report on the best practices that other states use to give credentialing credit to veterans for their military education and experience.

I want to commend Senator Correa for his great work championing the causes of veterans. I agree with the Senator's goal to make sure our returning veterans get every advantage as they re-enter the civilian workforce. To that end, I am instructing all professional and occupational licensing boards to review their requirements for licensure to make sure military experience is counted where appropriate.

I don't think a general report as called for in this bill satisfies the author's intent to help veterans as much as the actions I'm setting in motion. If the licensing boards and commissions uncover the need to alter current laws to help veterans obtain licenses, I will work with the Senator to make that happen.

Sincerely,

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

Edmund G. Brown Jr.