



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 968 without my signature.

The bill would require all public and private postsecondary educational institutions to note suspension or expulsion on a student's transcript for the period of time the student is ineligible to reenroll at the institution.

Colleges currently have the ability to make a notation if a student is suspended or expelled, and community colleges already may deny or conditionally admit a student who has previously been expelled or is under expulsion proceedings. If further protection is needed to screen transfer applications, that is something best left to individual colleges themselves.

Campus safety is a serious issue – one that has received much attention and led to several changes in law and policy. Increased vigilance may still be necessary, but I would caution against overcorrections that could result in some individuals being marked for the rest of their lives.

While the desire to provide students with safe campuses is well-intentioned, I am not prepared to support this mandate.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.