



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1221 without my signature.

This bill would specify requirements for what constitutes a child advocacy center established in counties to coordinate the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

While this bill is well-intentioned, it provides overly broad immunity from civil and criminal liability for persons providing services to children and non-offending family members. For example, the measure makes no exceptions when a service provider acted with malice, gross negligence or in bad faith, or has been criminally charged with, or is suspected of, abusing or neglecting the child who is the subject of the investigation or services provided.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom