



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 776 without my signature.

This bill requires the Department of Education, in consultation with the Health and Human Services Agency, to establish an optional process for Local Education Agencies to include child-level data for children enrolled in state or federally funded early learning and care programs within the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Database.

I support the intention of this bill, and I believe there is a need for additional data in early childhood policymaking. However, we should build on our strong ongoing efforts in this space rather than starting anew.

The action proposed by this bill should be part of ongoing efforts to better integrate existing data. Moreover, any assessment of a potential comprehensive early childhood data system should take place in the context of the Master Plan for Early Learning and Care and the recently established Early Childhood Policy Council.

Therefore, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom