



**OCT 12 2019**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 258 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to redirect cannabis tax funds generated under Proposition 64 to in-school support services grant for local educational agencies, administered by the California Department of Education.

I support increased access to mental health prevention, early intervention, and support programs in schools, which is why I worked with the Legislature to provide an additional \$50 million for those programs.

While well intentioned, this bill, however, attempts to change the fund allocation process specified by Proposition 64. DHCS has already directed these funds toward expanding access to child care, which is one of our shared priorities and a commitment reflected in this year's budget deal. Additionally, Proposition 64 does not authorize the Legislature to modify the fund allocation process by July 1, 2028.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

