



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 363 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to report specified information regarding assaults on employees that occur in their facilities. Each department must report this information quarterly, within 30 calendar days, to all bargaining units at the department and annually to the Legislature and the respective Chairs of the legislative budget committees. Reporting must be done in a manner that protects the confidentiality of patients, inmates, and employees.

SB 363's goal of ensuring safety for employees is an important one. However, mandating these reporting requirements in state law is unnecessary, as the departments can undertake this reporting administratively. I encourage the Legislature to work on a more appropriate solution to these issues.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom