



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 42 without my signature.

Jails should not be releasing people onto the streets during overnight hours. This is simply an unsafe practice, resulting in many tragic and preventable outcomes over the years. At a very minimum, facilities should absolutely provide a safe place to wait and arrange safe transportation when late night discharges do occur.

However, this bill requires that individuals are permitted to stay in jail until morning if desired, therefore creating a significant state reimbursable mandate.

The bill's intent can be accomplished through a more tailored approach that does not put the state treasury on the hook for local jail operations costs which are a local responsibility.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

