



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 428 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to identify an evidence-based training program on youth mental health for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to use to train classified and certificated employees who have direct contact with students at each school site.

Providing support for students facing mental health is of critical importance. Multiple public agencies beyond CDE hold a responsibility for addressing the mental health crisis impacting young people today. That is why I worked with the Legislature to appropriate \$50 million in this year's budget to create the Mental Health Student Services Act.

Mental health partnerships among county mental health or behavioral health departments, school districts, charter schools and county offices of education are best positioned to address the diverse mental health needs of young people.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

