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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 484 without my signature.

This bill requires community college districts to identify, notify, and automatically award degrees to students who have completed the requirements for an associate degree for transfer by the end of every academic term. This bill also adds the specified students to an identification system that can be accessed electronically by the University of California, California State University, and certain institutions of higher education by the end of every academic year.

Community colleges should already be identifying and notifying students who have earned associate degrees, associate degrees for transfer, and certificates. The community colleges' apportionments funding formula already provides fiscal incentive for them to do so. Moreover, this bill likely creates a reimbursable state mandate, thereby creating additional cost.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom