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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 575 without my signature.

This bill would authorize incarcerated individuals to be eligible for Cal Grant awards for postsecondary education.

Expanding access to higher education for incarcerated students is the right thing to do. Currently, many incarcerated students currently receive higher education at no cost through the California Community Colleges. Only a very small population would benefit from this bill because of the limited amount of Cal Grant competitive awards available and the age cap on that program of twenty-eight.

I am committed to taking steps to substantially expand access to higher education opportunities for incarcerated students in a thoughtful and more universal way, and will consider options in the context of the budget process.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom