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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2342 without my signature.

This bill would create parole reintegration credits, which would allow persons on parole to earn credits and reduce the length of their parole term.

I share the author's goal of reducing recidivism in California by incentivizing persons on parole to comply with the conditions of parole, pursue educational and vocational goals, and participate in rehabilitation programs for which they can earn credits to reduce their terms of supervision. To this end, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is currently in the process of implementing an amended earned discharge policy that provides an opportunity for early discharge from parole if the parolee is participating in community-based programming to address substance use disorder, education, and employment. This bill largely duplicates efforts that are currently underway at CDCR.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Gavin Newsom

Sincerely