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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1185 without my signature.

This bill would provide students with an additional year to meet the time-out-of-high-school and age-related Cal Grant eligibility requirements, and would permit students who received a Cal Grant transfer entitlement award in the 2019-20 academic year to use their award for an additional year.

This year's Budget included hundreds of millions of dollars in financial aid to support college students impacted by the pandemic and made historic ongoing investments in the state's Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship programs. These investments include expanding Cal Grant eligibility to more community college students by eliminating age and time-out-of-high-school requirements. In addition, these Cal Grant awards will now follow community college students to the UC and CSU upon transfer.

While I applaud the author's goal of supporting college students whose academic trajectories were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, this bill results in significant impact to the General Fund, likely totaling more than \$200 million over a four-year period. For these reasons, I must regretfully return this bill.

Sincerely,



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