



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 375 without my signature.

This bill amends statute relating to part-time faculty at the California Community Colleges, including redefining a community college part-time faculty course load as not to exceed 85 percent of the hours of a full-time assignment, rather than not to exceed 67 percent.

Our system of community colleges could not operate without part-time faculty. Even though they carry an enormous amount of the teaching load across the system, these qualified instructors must often teach at multiple campuses in order to piece together higher wages, and do not receive the same salary or benefits as their full-time colleagues.

While I understand the objectives of this legislation, this bill would create significant ongoing cost pressures on the state and community college districts, potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Such a high expenditure is better addressed in the State Budget process, which is why I am committed to considering options to support our community college part-time faculty in my forthcoming January budget proposal.

Sincerely,

  
Gavin Newsom

