



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1506 without my signature.

This bill adds to the Foster Youth Bill of Rights the requirement that foster youth experiencing a change in their school be provided with the opportunity to return to their prior school during school hours, in a trauma-informed manner, to connect with teachers and classmates.

While I appreciate the author's intent to support foster youth who change schools midyear, AB 1506 creates a new right without setting forth the policies needed to effectuate it. Specifically, this bill does not identify who will be responsible for implementing this new right or set a manner to hold them accountable for failing to meet the requirement.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over the printed name.