



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1517 without my signature.

This bill creates a more specific role for special education local plan areas (SELPA) to determine school district fiscal and instructional actions for students with disabilities in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), participate in all technical assistance for districts identified as needing assistance based on the performance of their students with disabilities student group, and adds requirements to the SELPA Local Plan related to technical assistance work.

I have championed many efforts to improve outcomes for students with disabilities and have worked with the Legislature to allocate increased special education funding and establish Special Education Resource Leads. This bill does not account for the important changes to California's school support and accountability system that my Administration worked in partnership with the Legislature to include in the 2023 State Budget requiring districts to specifically address low performance of any student group, including special education students, at the school and district levels in their LCAP. These improvements also provide for related targeted support and assistance from county offices of education and applicable lead agencies in the Statewide System of Support. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

