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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 811 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a student to repeat, up to two times, a credit course at a California Community College in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language, if the student previously received a satisfactory grade and is taking the course for enrichment or skill-building purposes.

In recent years, the California Community Colleges (CCC) have been intently focused on improving student success, reducing excess course units and improving transfer rates. While one of the main goals of this bill is help increase enrollment at the CCC, it also creates a fiscal incentive for community colleges to encourage repeating certain credit courses contrary to the Vision for Success, the Roadmap for the California Community Colleges and key legislative efforts, such as AB 705 (Irwin, 2017). My Administration continues to be committed to working with the Legislature, the CCC and stakeholders to find other ways to increase enrollment at the CCC. But this bill moves us away from our shared, stated goals.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom