

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 486 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Interscholastic Federation to hold all state football championship games at a neutral location that is comparable to the location of all other championship games, except under specified circumstances.

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) has already begun taking steps to hold state football championship games for all divisions at comparable neutral locations as called for in this bill. Once fully implemented later this year, these changes will provide equal opportunities for all participating schools, regardless of their division or financial resources. Therefore, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,