



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 22 2024**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1947 without my signature.

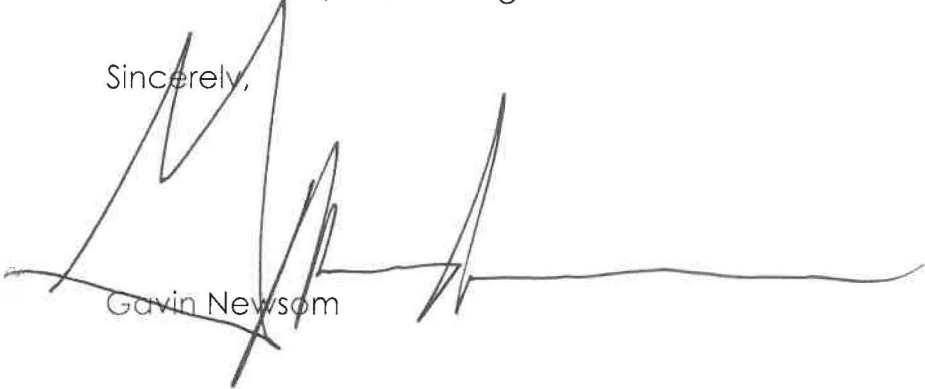
This bill would authorize California State Preschool Program (CSPP) contractors to offer up to six days of reimbursed staff training for part-day and full-day care, and would require a CSPP contractor that serves more than 25 percent of dual language learners (DLLs) to schedule a minimum of three staff training days, with one day dedicated to support dual language children.

I appreciate the author's commitment to ensuring that dual language learners are provided a culturally appropriate and equitable educational experience. Our preschool, child care, and development workforce plays a key role in the academic future of such learners, and I agree with the author that it is important to provide our educators with the training to support these children. This is why the Department of Social Services, in collaboration with the Department of Education, is continuing its work to develop a single child care and development rate reimbursement structure that will include a new methodology to address some of these very same issues. These new requirements are better considered in a holistic manner as a part of the rate reform process.



For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat messy, with several loops and a long horizontal tail.

Gavin Newsom