



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2725 without my signature.

This bill would allow occupational therapists and physical therapists with three years of school-based experience to obtain an administrative services credential, provided they also meet the basic skills requirement and complete an administrative services program, or pass an examination aligned to administrative services standards adopted by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

While this bill is well-intentioned, there is no state requirement that occupational therapists and physical therapists must hold an administrative services credential to hold supervisory or administrative roles in local educational agencies. The pathways for these licensed professionals can be created at the local level, through human resources and collective bargaining. As a more appropriate statewide approach, the CTC could create at least two administrative services pathways: one for teachers, and one for other credential or license holders without a teacher preparation background. As such, I am requesting that the CTC develop such pathways.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom