



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**SEP 27 2024**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 359 without my signature.

This bill makes various changes and clarifications related to the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnerships. Specifically, the bill clarifies that CCAP partnerships can offer dual enrollment opportunities to all pupils, removes CCAP requirements regarding consultation with local workforce boards, enables interested local educational agencies to enter into a CCAP agreement with a community college outside its service area, and clarifies that students should receive college credit for CCAP courses.

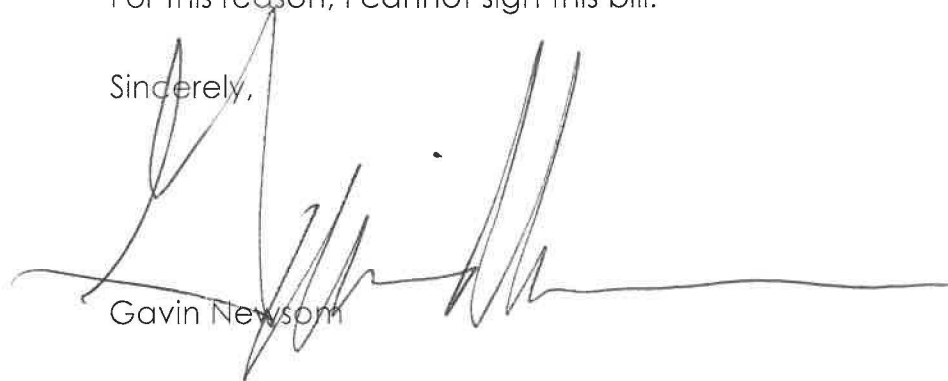
While I support the author's goal of expanding access and removing barriers to dual enrollment opportunities, this bill creates significant General Fund costs that are not reflected in the state's current fiscal plan.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that avoids deep program cuts to vital services and protected investments in education, health care, climate, public safety, housing, and social service programs that millions of Californians rely on. It is important to remain disciplined when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.



For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial "G" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom