



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1412 without my signature.

This bill would prohibit curriculum vendors from being appointed to serve on a Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee (CFCC), or from being chosen as a member of a curriculum framework writing team, and codifies and expands the existing prohibition on communications between publishers and members of the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) to include curriculum vendors.

The IQC is an advisory body to the State Board of Education (SBE) comprised of 18 Commissioners — at least half of whom are classroom teachers — that helps develop curriculum frameworks and makes recommendations for approval of instructional materials for use by California's school districts. Existing SBE regulations already prohibit publishers or their representatives from communicating with the Commissioners and others involved in the adoption of instructional materials during their tenure about anything related to the evaluation or adoption of instructional materials outside of publicly noticed meetings. As these existing regulations already carry the force of law, this bill is unnecessary. Additionally, this bill's new definitions and prohibitions are overly broad and would limit the ability of the most qualified individuals, particularly educators, to advise the IQC, and thus the SBE, on curriculum development.



For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom