



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 906 without my signature.

This bill would require any entity or person that provides compensation or any item of value or service to a student athlete, or to the student athlete's immediate family, over \$5,000 for athletic purposes, to disclose specific information to the student athlete's college or university. It also would require the institution to make that information publicly available and listed with the athletic sport and gender makeup of the team.

I appreciate the author's partnership on name, image and likeness (NIL). Since signing SB 206 (Skinner) in 2019, we have seen student athletes benefit from NIL across the nation. However, college sports are in a period of transition as many schools are changing athletic conferences and relevant issues are currently pending in the courts. As Governor, I want to ensure California's colleges continue to be competitive with other states. Further changes to this dynamic should be done nationally.

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.

Gavin Newsom

