



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**OCT 13 2025**

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1348 without my signature.

This bill adds immigration enforcement activity to the list of emergencies that may justify a waiver of average daily attendance losses for school funding purposes until July 1, 2029.

Current law already provides opportunities for local educational agencies to utilize attendance recovery and independent study programs to recoup lost attendance-based funding, while also ensuring students receive instruction and support. AB 1348 does not include sufficient safeguards to ensure that students who miss school due to immigration enforcement activities will receive alternative instructional opportunities. Additionally, this bill creates substantial cost pressures when state law is already designed to buffer school districts' budgets from attendance fluctuations by allowing them to use a three-year rolling average of attendance when calculating school funding.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined

when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long, horizontal tail stroke.

Gavin Newsom