



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 695 without my signature.

This bill provides an exemption until January 1, 2030, from nonresident tuition for community college students who were deported on or after the specified date and later reenroll in either an online or in-person community college program, if the student was previously enrolled and was not paying nonresident tuition at the time of their departure.

I thank the author for his commitment to providing hope to students harmed by the Trump Administration's indiscriminate attack on our immigrant communities. I am proud of the actions and laws that we have adopted in this state to protect, educate, and recognize the value that our immigrant students and their families bring to California. Unfortunately, as drafted, this proposal only benefits immigrant students who voluntarily or involuntarily depart the U.S and thus the state, and not also residents of other states, raising significant constitutional concerns.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom

