



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 761 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to amend its Grant Delivery System to ensure students who may be eligible for CalFresh are identified. The bill also requires data-sharing agreements between CSAC and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), as well as between county welfare departments and the systemwide offices of the public postsecondary education systems, for the purpose of conducting direct outreach to students about CalFresh eligibility.

I strongly support the author's goal of expanding eligible college student participation in the CalFresh program and applaud the author for her commitment to this issue. However, as drafted, this bill contains significant policy and implementation challenges with respect to the required data-sharing agreements. I encourage the author to work with CDSS on a more implementable solution that reduces both privacy risks and the complexity of creating new data-sharing systems across multiple agencies.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom