



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1647 without my signature.

This bill would codify existing case law to prohibit the use of a minor's statements relating to a transfer hearing from being used against the minor during subsequent proceedings.

This measure provides that it does not "restrict, expand, alter, or modify" decisions by the California Supreme Court that have been good law on this issue for more than 40 years. By its own terms, the bill is "declaratory of existing law" and therefore unnecessary.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom