



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 664 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the California Community Colleges (CCC) Chancellor to allow the Southwestern Community College District to offer four workforce-aligned baccalaureate degree programs outside of the existing CCC baccalaureate degree approval process.

Recently, I signed AB 2694 and SB 960 to create a statewide framework for community college districts to establish baccalaureate programs where there is demonstrated workforce demand and lack of capacity in regional universities.

This bill contains a provision that states it will not go into effect, even with my signature, if AB 2694 and SB 960 become law. To avoid confusion, I am vetoing this bill, but I encourage the Southwestern Community College District to continue to develop workforce-aligned baccalaureate-level programs needed in their region and utilize the new option afforded by the signing of AB 2694 and SB 960.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom