

BILL NUMBER: SB 908  
VETOED DATE: 07/25/2008

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 908 without my signature.

While I am supportive of encouraging "climate change" education curriculum, I have consistently vetoed legislation that has attempted to mandate specific details or events into areas of instruction. The State Board of Education adopted content standards are developed by a diverse group of experts and are intentionally broad in order to allow coverage of various events, developments, and issues. I continue to believe that the State should refrain from being overly prescriptive in specific school curriculum, beyond establishing rigorous academic standards and frameworks.

Moreover, in this particular case, the California Integrated Waste Management Board's Office of Education and Environment, in conjunction with the California Environmental Protection Agency is already well into the process of incorporating the "climate change" issue in the creation of an environment-based K-12 model curriculum.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger