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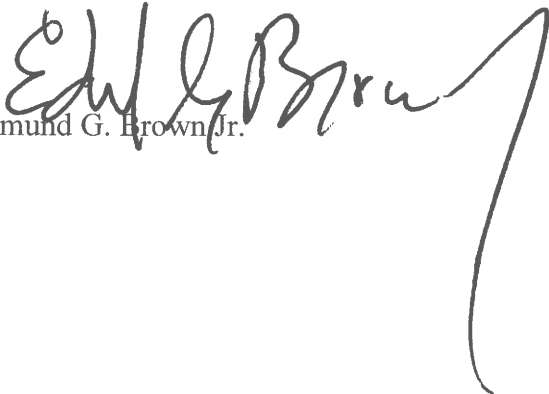
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1361 without my signature.

This bill authorizes a current or former member of the United States Armed Forces to receive a California Community College Transfer Cal Grant entitlement award, even if the student is over 28 years of age unless the student received a dishonorable discharge.

While the bill is well intentioned, our California veterans are provided with many different educational benefits including federal Montgomery GI benefits and eligibility to pay California residence fees for both themselves and their dependents at the University of California, the California State University and California Community Colleges. I am not comfortable creating new General Fund costs outside of the budget process, particularly given the Cal Grant augmentations already included in this year's budget.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.