

# California State Senate

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FORTIETH SENATE DISTRICT



September 26, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Veto of AB 86 (Boerner)**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully request your veto of Assembly Bill 86, which requires the State Board of Education to adopt controversial instructional materials for health education for kindergarten through eighth grade students.

Those instructional materials would be aligned with the controversial health curriculum framework that many parents opposed for including material deemed too explicit for young students when it was adopted in 2019. For example, the framework introduces the theory that reproductive anatomy does not necessarily determine a person's gender. For third grade students the framework states, "When providing instruction on sexual and reproductive organs, teachers can introduce the concept that gender does not always match the sexual and reproductive organs described."

Teaching controversial gender theories to students as young as eight or nine years old is not a practice that most Californians support, nor want to see happening in our schools.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Jones", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Brian W. Jones  
Senate Minority Leader  
California State Senate, District 40