



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Scott Bedke
President of the Senate
Idaho State Senate
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. President,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on March 21, 2024, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following Senate bill, to wit:

SENATE BILL 1329

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 8:04 a.m. on March 15, 2024.

The mental health of Idaho's adolescents is of utmost importance to me. I urge all stakeholders to closely monitor any negative consequences this legislation has on our youth accessing the behavioral health supports they need. In the event this bill creates any unintended barriers for adolescent behavioral health care, I expect amendments will be made to address the issue accordingly.

Additionally, I am concerned the passage of this legislation without express repeal of potentially conflicting sections of code will create confusion for medical professionals and complicate their ability to deliver necessary care to all Idahoans and protect patients' confidential information. I urge my colleagues in the Legislature to communicate with health providers and endeavor to provide necessary clarity during the next legislative session as to the full scope of the policy and law in this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho