



May 10, 2018

The Honorable Mike A. Gipson
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2448 (Gipson) Juveniles: rights: computing technology
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Assemblyman Gipson,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, supports your proposed legislation AB 2448 to require that children in foster care and minors detained or committed to juvenile facilities be provided with access to computer technology and the internet for educational purposes and possibly to maintain relationships with family.

Existing law gives youth in foster care and juveniles in local detention facilities the right to education and to contact family members. It also specifies the right of dependents and wards in foster care to participate in age-appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities. AB 2448 would give these children access to educational and social activities through computing technology.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support proposed legislation AB 2448. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

Kris Calvin
Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Pediatrics, California

cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne