



February 27, 2026

Senator Roger Niello
1021 O Street, Suite 7110
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 1082, Improving Interdistrict Transfer Process – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Niello,

California Policy Center is pleased to support Senate Bill 1082 to help families receive timely, transparent, and predictable decisions when navigating California’s interdistrict transfer process. We believe that reducing unnecessary administrative burden for school districts and county boards of education will ultimately improve academic outcomes for students who are allowed to find better environments from which to learn without having to overcome unnecessary barriers.

Parents in California have long enjoyed the legal ability to request interdistrict transfers when another school district may better meet their student’s educational needs. However, there are situations when districts across the state may fail to act within statutory timelines, resulting in inconsistent practices and lengthy delays for families. For families who wait 90 days or longer for decisions are subjected to uncertainty that may now allow their children to experience more appropriate educational settings.

Having clear, transparent and predictable timelines for district responses in the affirmative or the negative, even if the ultimate decision does not result in the preferred outcome for the parent, while maintaining local authority of the respective participating school districts, reduces friction and otherwise acrimonious feelings for all parties involved. Ultimately, SB 1082 helps districts focus limited administrative resources on meaningful review rather than prolonged procedural delays.

For these reasons, we offer our full support for SB 1082.

Sincerely,

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