
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair
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AB 419 (Connolly) - Educational equity: immigration enforcement

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Policy Vote: ED. 6 - 1, JUD. 11 - 1

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Lenin Del Castillo

Bill Summary: This bill requires local educational agencies (LEA) to post the “Know Your Educational Rights,” Immigration-Enforcement Action at California Schools Guide, in the administrative building of each schoolsite and to post the guide on its website and on the websites of each school site in every language that the Attorney General (AG) provides.

Fiscal Impact: This bill could result in one-time Proposition 98 General Fund costs in the hundreds of thousands of dollars statewide for LEAs to post the “Know Your Educational Rights” guide at every schoolsite, administrative building, and on their internet websites. There are approximately 2,300 LEAs and 10,000 schoolsites in the state. Additionally, the bill’s requirements could be deemed to be a reimbursable state mandate which could put pressure on the state to provide additional funding through the K-12 Mandate Block Grant.

Background: Existing law prohibits, except as required by state or federal law, or as required to administer a state- or federally supported educational program, school officials and employees of a school district, county office of education, or charter school, from collecting information or documents regarding citizenship or immigration status of students or their family members.

Existing law requires the superintendent of a school district, the superintendent of a county office of education, and the principal of a charter school, as applicable, to report to the respective governing board or body of the LEA in a timely manner any requests for information or access to a schoolsite by an officer or employee of a law enforcement agency for the purpose of enforcing the immigration laws in a manner that ensures the confidentiality and privacy of any potentially identifying information.

Existing law requires the Attorney General to publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement at public schools, to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and state law, and ensure that public schools remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration status. Existing law requires that the AG, in developing the model policies, consider specified procedures, including those related to requests for access to school grounds for purposes related to immigration enforcement and procedures for LEA employees to notify the superintendent of the school district or their designee, the superintendent of the county office of education or their designee, or the principal of the charter school or their designee, as applicable, if an individual requests or gains access to school grounds for purposes related to immigration enforcement.

Existing law requires all school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to adopt the AG's model policies or equivalent policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement.

Proposed Law: This bill requires the governing body of an LEA to provide information to parents and guardians relating to the Immigration-Enforcement Actions at California Schools Guide for Students and Families and developed by the AG. The bill authorizes the information to be provided in the annual notification to parents and guardians or any other cost-effective means determined by the LEA. This bill also requires that the guide be posted in the administrative buildings and on the LEA's website and each of its schoolsites in every language that the AG provides.

Related Legislation: SB 48 (Gonzalez, 2025) prohibits LEAs from granting US immigration authorities access to a schoolsite or its pupils or consenting to searches without a valid judicial warrant or court order. SB 48 is pending in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

SB 98 (Pérez, 2025) requires the governing boards of LEAs, CSU, community college districts, and each Cal Grant qualifying independent institution of higher education, and requests the UC Regents, to issue a notification to specified individuals when the presence of immigration enforcement is confirmed on their respective campuses or schoolsites. SB 48 is pending in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 49 (Muratsuchi, 2025) establishes the California Safe Haven Schools Act and prohibits, except as required by state or federal law, school officials and employees of an LEA from allowing immigration enforcement officers to enter a school site without providing valid identification and documentation. SB 48 is scheduled to be heard in this Committee on August 18, 2025.

Staff Comments: On January 6, 2025, the AG issued guidance advising immigrant students and their families of their educational rights and protections under the law, including the right to receive a free public education and to confidentiality of their personal information. The guidance is a two-page document that is available on the AG's website. This bill requires that this guidance be publicly posted on school websites and buildings in every available language. According to the author, "Every child in California deserves to pursue a public education without fear. In light of recent federal direction to conduct immigration enforcement even in locations like schools, hospitals, and places of worship, students should be aware of the confidentiality of their personal information and armed with resources for emergencies. This legislation will ensure that immigrant students and families know what their rights are, what information is required for school enrollment, and what steps can be taken to protect sensitive information about students and families."

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