

AB 2949 (GLORIA) PUPIL RESIDENCY: PUPILS OF MILITARY FAMILIES

POSITION: The Chamber's Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee voted to SUPPORT AB 2949 on May 2, 2018. The Chamber's Public Policy Committee voted to SUPPORT AB 2949 on May 8, 2018.

RATIONALE: The Chamber's Defense, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee supported AB 2949 to demonstrate ongoing support for military families.

STATUS: AB 2949 was introduced by Assemblymember Todd Gloria on February 16, 2018. As of May 3, 2018, the bill is in on the Senate side, currently in the Senate Rules Committee.

SUMMARY

AB 2949 would give children of military families the option to remain in their school of origin for the remainder of the school year regardless of any change in the military family's residence or end of military service of the parent.

INDUSTRY/IES

The industries that could be directly impacted are the military and education.

SUPPORTERS

- Marine Corps Installations West (Sponsor)
- California School Boards Association
- San Diego Unified School District
- Association of California School Administrators
- California School Employees Association
- Department of the Navy

OPPONENTS

None on file.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR

According to the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee bill analysis, "California is home to the largest number of active duty military in the nation" and "children from military families move an average of six to nine times during a school career." It should be the priority of the California State Legislature to make it easier for children of active duty military members to complete school where it's most appropriate for them. Military families move around so much already that it's important to provide this option to military families.

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

This bill could increase administrative costs of a local educational agency.

MORE INFORMATION

AB 2949 seeks to minimize even more school disruptions children of military families go through for the entirety of their military parents' career. The bill also states that a local educational agency will not be required to provide transportation services to allow a student to remain in their school of origin.