

# LEGISLATION

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- Educate. Advocate. started taking a position on legislation in 2010. There were a few bills we opposed or had issues with asking for amendments including AB 499 in 2011, AB 2109 in 2012 and SB 277 in 2015. After the passage of SB 277 in 2015 our organization became the hub for helping families with exceptional needs on this topic and still is today in 2023.  
<http://sb277iep.com>
- In 2016 we began to see the importance of not solely opposing legislative bills we didn't agree with. From that point forward we have strived to foster relationships with legislators, support good legislation that helps families with exceptional needs as well as bringing forward ideas for legislation to legislators in the form of a legislative package.
- However, we still will oppose legislation we do not agree with and that we feel hurts families with children with exceptional needs. We have compiled some information here <https://www.educateadvocateca.com/Gender-and-Minors>

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**Educate. Advocate. has been actively involved with bringing forward a legislative package to benefit families with exceptional needs to legislators since 2017.**

<https://www.educateadvocateca.com/persons-with-exceptional-needs>

### **In 2019 we sponsored:**

- AB 605 (2019) Special education: assistive technology devices that was signed into law.

### **This year in 2023 we are sponsoring three bills including:**

- AB 611 Special Education: nonpublic, nonsectarian schools or agencies: change in certification status: parental notification (now signed into law by the Governor)
- AB 1466 Pupil discipline: restraint and seclusion:reporting. (Currently in Suspense in Appropriations with a hearing September 1st)
- SB 445 Special education: individualized education programs: translation services.



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<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

- Bill Information
- Keywords
- If you have a bill number you can review the text, votes, history, bill analysis, compare versions, status
- Here you can track the bill
- Example: SB 445 Status Assembly Appropriations 8/16/23
- If you visit Assembly Appropriations they want you to submit an email to the committee <https://apro.assembly.ca.gov/committeehome>

# Position Letter Portal



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<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

- Register as an organization and/or individual and submit a position letter for the committee the bill is in
- As bills continue to go through committees and are amended you want to send a revised letter through the legislative portal for the committee.
- Be sure to check dates on the committees page of when letters are due before the hearing of the bill.

# Reach out to bill author, committee



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- If you have concerns about a bill certainly you want to reach out to the bill author as well as to the committees the bill is going to in order to relay your organizations concerns
- If you support a bill you also can reach out to bill author and the committees the bill is going to in order to offer your support in addition to your letter of support. You should encourage others also to call and give support including other organizations and individuals.



# In Conclusion

We are happy to collaborate with others here as well as CAPCA if and when there is interest to bring forward legislation that benefits families with exceptional needs. Please reach out if you would like to collaborate! Thank you!



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