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SB902 Immigration Enforcement - Public Schools, Hospitals, and
Courthouses - Policies

Oppose

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How would you feel if you were the parents of the 11 year old girls who were raped by 19 and 20 year old students and you were told that even though they are in school right now, they can't be arrested there because of a certain school policy that protects illegal immigrants in schools? Fortunately, Jonathan Coreas-Salamanca and Ivan Reyes Lopez were arrested at their high schools. Salamanca is an illegal immigrant. If SB902 passes, criminals like Salamanca may have greater protections than regular criminals.

I am asking you to submit an unfavorable report for SB902 for these reasons:

- The bill is unnecessary because ICE already has a "sensitive location" policy in place. Schools and hospitals are generally avoided. Unless there are exigent circumstances, ICE would not pursue an illegal immigrant inside a school or hospital.
- Schools, hospitals, and courthouses, under this bill would be authorized to set their own policies. This means a lot of inconsistencies with different policies for different locations and different facilities. This sounds very messy and hard for law enforcement to keep up with the many different policies. The ice.gov website is very clear in its policies with little room for inconsistencies.
- This bill allows courthouses to set their own policy. However, courthouses are not considered "sensitive locations" according to ICE. This would give illegal immigrants greater protection than a criminal who is not an illegal immigrant. Federal, state and local agencies can arrest citizens at courthouses. It is not fair to give illegal immigrants who commit crimes better protections than our own citizens. From the ICE.gov website:

ICE, **like other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies,** makes arrests at courthouses *to ensure the laws within the agency's jurisdiction are enforced in a safe and efficient manner*. ICE arrests at courthouses are the result of targeted enforcement actions against specific aliens. As with all planned enforcement actions, ICE officers exercise sound judgment when enforcing federal law and make substantial efforts to avoid unnecessarily alarming the public. Consistent with officer and public safety, ICE officers also make every effort to limit the time spent at the planned place of arrest.