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My main concerns related to SB 709 revolve around its unfinished nature. This would be the third year in a row of a change to the transfer law and to provide a confusing change to the law is not helpful to districts or parents. For example, the 3% cap is very much undefined in terms of what it would take to calculate it. There does not seem to be any central source of information on how many students may be attending districts other than their own and under what conditions such as tuition or private schools. We have no way of measuring how impactful the cap could be. The concept of requiring a balance between students entering and leaving a school district is inherently unfair to districts that provide a program that is attractive to parents and students and, in effect promotes mediocrity. It also impacts negatively, parent choice in being able to affect where their child attends school. Given the lack of research around this issue, I believe the 3% cap should be removed from the bill.

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