

1 [Supporting Assembly Bill 1266 - The School Success and Opportunity Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1266, authored by Assemblymember Tom**
4 **Ammiano, set to take effect on January 1, 2014, which restates existing State law**
5 **prohibiting discrimination against transgender students in public education and**
6 **permitting students to participate in sex-segregated facilities and activities based**
7 **on their gender identity.**

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9 WHEREAS, Transgender students - whose sex at birth is opposite from their
10 gender identity - experience more frequent exclusion, discrimination, bullying, verbal
11 harassment and physical assaults at school in comparison with straight, or even their
12 LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Questioning) peers, impeding their ability to feel
13 safe at school and thrive academically and socially; and

14 WHEREAS, State and Federal anti-discrimination laws are already in place that
15 guarantee transgender students equal access, and yet due to lack of awareness of how to
16 support transgender students in some school districts, transgender students are often
17 improperly excluded from participating in school-based activities, programs and facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, This exclusion can lead to increased isolation of transgender students,
19 susceptibility to violence, and an inability to the earn the credits they need to graduate; and

20 WHEREAS, The Legislature enacted AB 1266, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
21 Supervisors in File No. 131132, in order to spell out exactly how school administrators,
22 teachers, parents and students should interpret existing state law which requires schools to
23 treat transgender students fairly by ensuring that they are allowed to participate in sex
24 segregated school programs and use facilities consistent with their gender identity; and

25 WHEREAS, AB 1266 was signed into law on August 12, 2013 by Governor Brown; and

1 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District was the first district in the state
2 to enact a policy similar to AB 1266, in 2004, and that policy has been effective in ensuring
3 that all students are able to participate fully in school activities and succeed in school, now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the
6 implementation of AB 1266, and applauds the Legislature and the Governor for their
7 affirmation of transgender students' rights in California.

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