Statement of Reasons for Adoption of Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 40803, 40803.1, 40804, 40804.1, 40405, 40405.1, 40405.2, and 40405.5

This item proposes amending Title 5 §§ 40803, 40803.1, 40804, 40804.1, 40405, 40405.1, 40405.2, and adopting 40405.5 establishing the California General Education Transfer Curriculum as the pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to the California State University. This lower-division general education pathway replaces the current Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum and amends CSU GE Breadth requirements, and is to be made available to all students admitted beginning with the fall term of the 2025-26 academic year.

The Student Transfer Achievement Reform (STAR) Act of 2021 required consolidation of two existing general education transfer pathways for California Community College students into a singular pathway to either the California State University or University of California systems. It enacted Education Code Section 66749.8 which also required that the California Community Colleges place incoming students on an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) pathway – if one exists for their major – on or before August 1, 2024.