

SENATE BILL NO. 45

BY SENATOR FOIL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BACALA, JEFFERSON,
CHARLES OWEN, STAGNI AND WRIGHT

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1948(A) and (E), to enact R.S. 17:1948(C)(9), and to repeal R.S. 17:1948(G), relative to students with exceptionalities; to require public school governing authorities to adopt policies relative to the installation of and operation of cameras in certain classrooms upon the request of a parent or legal guardian by December 31, 2022; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1948(A) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:1948(C)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1948. Cameras in certain classrooms; definitions; required policies; confidentiality; authorization of funding

A.~~(1)~~ The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school shall adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and audio in a classroom ~~upon the written request of a parent or legal guardian.~~ **The policies shall be adopted not later than December 31, 2022, or within sixty days of the receipt of funding for the installation of cameras, whichever occurs first.**

(2) Not later than January 15, 2023, each governing authority shall submit a copy of the policies adopted pursuant to this Section to the state Department of Education. Within ten days of any revision of the policies, each governing authority shall submit a copy of the policies to the department.

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C. The policies shall include provisions for the following:

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(9) Procedures regarding how a parent or legal guardian may request the installation and operation of cameras in his child's classroom.

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E.**(1)** The governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school is authorized to accept, administer, and make use of federal, state, and local funds, any public and private grants and donations, and, when considered appropriate and feasible, to accept nonmonetary resources in the form of services or equipment for use in connection with the installation and operation of cameras pursuant to this Section.

(2) Upon receipt of such funds, grants, donations, or nonmonetary resources, the governing authority shall install and operate the cameras according to the policies adopted pursuant to this Section.

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Section 2. R.S. 17:1948(G) is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: