

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 45

BY SENATOR FOIL

SPECIAL EDUCATION. Requires all public school governing authorities to adopt certain policies relative to cameras in certain classrooms by December 31, 2022. (gov sig)

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, **not later than December 31, 2022,** 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.~~

(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.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

Present law requires the governing authority of each public school, including charter schools, to adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and audio in special education classrooms or settings, upon the written request of a student's

parent or legal guardian. Further provides installation and operation of cameras is contingent on the provision of funding.

Proposed law retains present law and requires public school governing authorities to adopt the policies required in present law by December 31, 2022.

Proposed law requires the public school governing authority to submit a copy of the policies to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) by January 15, 2023 and within 10 days of any revisions to the policies.

Proposed law requires the policies to include provisions on how a parent or legal guardian may request the installation and operation of cameras in his child's classroom.

Proposed law provides that upon receipt of funds or nonmonetary resources the cameras shall be installed and operated.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:1948(A) and (E); adds R.S. 17:1948(C)(9); repeals R.S. 17:1948(G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Clarifies the policy adoption is not subject to appropriations.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires the governing authority to submit a copy of the policies to the Louisiana Department of Education.
2. Requires the policies to include provisions on how to request cameras to be installed and operated.