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 Sub. Bill For.:

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Requires the governing authority of each public school to develop and adopt policies for the installation and operation of video cameras in certain classrooms. (gov sig)

Proposed law requires public school governing authorities to adopt policies for the installation and operation of cameras in self-contained special education classrooms upon the written request of a parent or guardian. Such policies shall provide for classroom placement; written notice to teachers, staff, students, parents, and visitors; staff training; and retention of recordings for at least one month. Permits local school systems to utilize federal, state, and local funds, private donations, and other donated services or equipment for the installation and operation of cameras. Provides for implementation only when funds are appropriated for such purpose. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in state funds to the extent appropriations are made to fund the purchase and installation of cameras in classrooms where students receive special education services. There will be indeterminable increases in expenditures for local school districts and charter schools, as well as state operated public schools, to comply with this measure. Public school governing authorities must develop policies regarding the installation of cameras.

The LFO obtained information from school administrators in Texas who implemented similar requirements pursuant to legislation adopted there in 2015. They reported an average cost per classroom of approximately \$5,000 for equipment acquisitions and installation. This does not include staff resources required to provide notification and track viewing requests as allowed by law. The number of cameras per classroom is determined by size and room configuration, but can require between two and four cameras per classroom. New cameras were required as existing security cameras did not meet the criteria established in law.

Districts may experience increased costs for data retention. The proposed legislation requires the retention of the recordings for at least one month. Some districts may be able to meet this requirement with their existing technology, while others will incur costs for additional storage hardware.

According to the Department of Education (LDE) (2017-18 Louisiana Special Education Data Profile), there are over 115,000 special education students. Of those, approximately 10%, or 11,500 students receive the majority of their instruction inside a self-contained classroom. Assuming a classroom size averaging 7 students would equate to over 1,600 classrooms. **At an average of \$5,000 per classroom, this would increase expenditures by \$8 M.** However, because the cameras would only be installed upon the written request of a parent or guardian, it is not likely that every self-contained classroom would require the cameras. The LFO has no way of estimating the number of parents who would potentially make this request but anticipates the number could be significant over time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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