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Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**
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Requires the use of video cameras in classrooms where special education services are provided to certain students with exceptionalities

Proposed law requires school boards to adopt policies for the installation and operation of cameras that record both audio and video in certain classrooms where students with exceptionalities receive special education services, upon request of a parent. Provides for placement, notification to employees, students, parents, and visitors, retention of data for at least one month, procedures for protecting student privacy and for viewing by the superintendent and the parent of a recorded student upon their request. Applies to public charter schools. Provides for implementation only when funds are appropriated for such purpose.

EXPENDITURES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$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 place cameras in designated classrooms where students receive special education services. The LFO presumes such appropriation would come from state general fund direct. There may be an indeterminable increase in expenditures of local school districts and charter schools for such purposes. It is not clear whether the total cost of implementation will be borne by a state appropriation or whether total costs will be shared by the local school districts and the state.

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 2 and 4 cameras per classroom. New cameras were required as existing security cameras did not meet the criteria established in law. Additionally, these costs do not include the redaction requirements. This functionality would increase the cost of the camera or man-hours required to adhere to this proposed legislation.

There are an estimated 681,00 students in over 1,300 public schools. Students receive special education services in both self-contained classrooms, as well as regular classrooms with other students. Per the state Department of Education (LDE) *2017-2018 Special Education Data Profile*, there were over 115,000 students with disabilities and an average of 10% of these students are inside a regular classroom less than 40% of the day. **This would equate to over 11,000 students. Assuming a classroom size of 7 students would equate to over 1,500 classrooms; at the \$5,000 average that would increase expenditures by \$7.8 M.** However, since the cameras would only be installed upon the written request of the parent, 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.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
☒ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		☒ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director