SPECIAL EDUCATION. Requires all public school governing authorities to adopt certain policies relative to cameras in certain classrooms.

Report adopts House amendments to:
1. Delete the date by which public school governing authorities are required to adopt the policies relative to cameras in classrooms

Report rejects House amendments which would have:
1. Provided that the policies be adopted not later than December 31, 2022, or within thirty days of the receipt of funding for the installation of cameras, whichever occurs first.

Report amends the bill to:
1. Require that the policies relative to cameras in certain classrooms 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.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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, or within sixty days of the receipt of funding for the installation of cameras, whichever occurs first.

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))