Prior law required 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 provided installation and operation of cameras was contingent on the provision of funding.

New law retains prior law and further requires public school governing authorities to adopt the policies required in prior law by December 31, 2022, or within 60 days of the receipt of funding for the installation of cameras, whichever occurs first.

New 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.

New 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.

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

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