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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 polices for the installation and operation of cameras that record both audio and video in classrooms and other educational settings where students with exceptionalities receive special education and related services. Provides for placement, notification to employees, students, parents, and visitors, retention of data for at least one year, 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.

EXPENDITURES	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable but significant increase in expenditures of local school districts and charter schools to place cameras in designated classrooms where students receive special education services.

There are an estimated 681,00 students in over 1,400 public schools with over 91,500 classified as students with disabilities. Students receive special education services in both self-contained classrooms, as well as classrooms with other students. As a result, it is likely that virtually all classrooms would require 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. Furthermore, Texas video storage requirements are limited to 3 months per camera. 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.

The Department of Education does not collect data on the number of classrooms across school districts. The LFO assumes a ratio of 25 students per class to estimate that over 27,000 classrooms would be necessary to accommodate all students at a given time. This does not contemplate other rooms that may also require cameras including gymnasiums, cafeterias, nurse and counselor offices. **Based on the \$5,000 average cost cited above, this could require an initial minimum investment of \$135 M, with indeterminable annual recurring costs.** Costs will vary with the type and quality of the cameras and associated operating equipment purchased.

Additional costs will be incurred for related acquisition, installation and maintenance. There will be installation costs which could include costs to upgrade electrical wiring to accommodate the equipment. Schools will also be required to expand storage capacity on servers. There will be ongoing maintenance cost and additional staff may be required to monitor equipment on an recurring basis. Long term data storage will become logistically difficult for older or less expensive equipment. Furthermore, proposed legislation authorizes a parent to view video footage which shall require redaction of footage of students other than the parent’s child. These costs are indeterminable but could be material. Finally, there will be significant administrative costs associated with the notification and training requirements which cannot be quantified at this time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director