

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 768

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG

CHILDREN/CARE: Requires early learning centers to provide for the installation and operation of cameras as a condition of state licensure

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9) and to enact R.S. 17:407.54, relative to the
3 licensing of early learning centers; to require that early learning centers provide for
4 the installation and operation of cameras as a condition of licensure; to require the
5 development of policies relative to such cameras; to provide a limitation relative to
6 public records; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:407.54 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §407.54. Cameras; condition of licensure

10 A. Each early learning center shall provide for the installation and operation
11 of cameras that record both video and audio. Compliance with the provisions of this
12 Section shall be a condition of an early learning center's licensure by the state
13 Department of Education as provided in this Part.

14 B. The director of each early learning center shall develop and share with all
15 center employees and parents of children enrolled in the center a policy relative to
16 cameras that, at minimum, provides for the following:

17 (1) The location and placement of cameras in any room in which children are
18 taught or cared for and including a prohibition against the recording of the interior
19 of a restroom or any other area in which a child's clothing may be changed or
20 removed.

Proposed law provides that recordings shall be kept confidential and are not public records.

(Amends R.S. 44:4.1(B)(9); Adds R.S. 17:407.54)