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SENATE BILL NO. 64

BY SENATOR HODGES

SPECIAL EDUCATION. Provides relative to video and audio recordings from cameras installed in self-contained classrooms. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1948(C)(5)(b) and to enact R.S. 17:1948(C)(5)(c), relative
3 to cameras in special education classrooms; to provide relative to circumstances
4 where recordings may be disclosed; to require presence of the superintendent or his
5 designee and parent or legal guardian during viewing of recordings; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 (5) Protecting student privacy and for determining to whom and under what
16 circumstances the recordings may be disclosed including:

(b) Requiring both the superintendent or his designee and the parent or legal guardian to be present during the initial viewing of the recordings after a request has been made.

(c) Requiring any person who views a recording and who suspects the recordings show a violation of state or federal law to report the suspected violation to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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DIGEST

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Present law requires each public school governing authority to install cameras in certain classrooms and to adopt policies that include provisions for determining to whom and under what circumstances the video and audio recordings may be disclosed.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires both the superintendent or his designee and the parent or legal guardian be present during the initial viewing of the recordings after a request has been made.

Effective on August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:1948(C)(5)(b); adds R.S. 17:1948(C)(5)(c))