

Require Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Upon Request

KNOW THE FACTS

- **Two states recently passed laws requiring video and audio surveillance of special education settings upon request:**
 - ♦ **Texas: 29.022**
 - ♦ **Georgia: 20-2-324.2**
- **Louisiana schools already use cameras in classes for testing surveillance and monitoring halls.**
- **Student reporting of incidents in special education classrooms is limited due to students who are non-verbal and/or have limited communication skills.**

What Can Legislators Do?

Require school systems to install cameras in special education classrooms upon request.

Why Do This?

Students with disabilities, particularly students who are non-verbal, are at greater risk of abuse and do not have the communication skills to self-report this abuse.

Parents want peace of mind their children are being treated with dignity and care behind closed doors of special education classrooms.

Video and audio surveillance increases student safety, protects educators from false accusations, and promotes improved training to address student challenging behavior.

- [Texas Association of School Board Fact Sheet on Texas Law \(29.022\) related to video and audio surveillance of special education settings.](#)
- [Are Cameras in the Classroom OK?](#) Article on learn.org.