



## Action Alert #13

# Your State Representative Needs to Hear If Cameras in Special Education Classrooms Are Important to You!

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**Let your state representative hear how you feel about cameras in self-contained special education classrooms!**

[HB283](#) by Representative Mark Wright passed favorably out of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This bill would require cameras in special education self-contained classrooms upon the request of parents. The full House will next consider HB283.

Your state representative needs to hear if this issue is important to you or someone you know ASAP, but no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>. **NOW** is the time to take action!

## How to Take Action

[Contact your state representative ASAP](#). Share your personal story and how you, your family or someone you know would be impacted by having cameras in self-contained special education classrooms.

### Want to watch floor debate online?

Check out the [legislature's website](#) to see the House schedule and agendas. You can also watch the live broadcast by clicking on the camera icon when the meeting is in progress.

### Need help getting involved?

Do you need help making contact with your legislator(s) or want to become more involved in LaCAN activities? Contact your regional [LaCAN Leader](#) today!

## Background Information

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 that 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. In fact, Louisiana schools already use cameras in classes for testing surveillance and monitoring halls.

HB283 has a long way to go before becoming law during the few weeks left of this Legislative Session. If HB283 passes the full House, it will then have to go through two Senate Committees (Education and Finance) and finally the full Senate. Stay tuned for more alerts from the Council and LaCAN on this issue should the bill progress through the legislature.

## Contact Your State Representative Today!

### Contact Us

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