



Action Alert #16

Contact Senate Education Committee about Requiring Cameras in Special Education Classrooms!

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Let the members of the Senate Education Committee hear how you feel about cameras in self-contained special education classrooms!

[HB283](#) by Representative Mark Wright passed favorably out of the House of Representatives on Thursday, May 22nd. This bill would require cameras in special education self-contained classrooms upon the request of parents.

The Senate Education Committee will consider HB283 tomorrow, May 30th, upon adjournment of the Senate.

Senate Education Committee members need to hear if this issue is important to you or someone you know. **NOW** is the time to take action!

How to Take Action

[Contact Senate Education Committee members](#) TODAY! 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 still has a long way to go before becoming law during these last two weeks of this Legislative Session. If HB283 passes the Senate Education Committee it would still need to be passed by the Senate Finance Committee (unless the Senate rules are suspended), then it would have to pass the full Senate. Stay tuned for more alerts from the Council and LaCAN on this issue should the bill progress through the legislature.

Contact Senate Education Committee Members Today!

Contact Us

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