



Action Alert #11 Your State Senator Needs to Hear Why Requiring Cameras in Special Education Classrooms is Important!

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Let your State Senator know how you feel about requiring cameras in self-contained special education classrooms!

The Senate Finance Committee met on Monday, May 17th, and passed an amended version of [SB86](#) by Senator Foil which would [require cameras in special education classrooms upon request](#). The amendments added in committee removes the \$8 million state general fund fiscal note and requires the state's Department of Education to assist local public school governing authorities with identifying specific funding needed to fund requests made. Now the bill will make its way to the Senate Floor for debate tomorrow ([agenda](#)).

If this issue is important to you or someone you know, contact your State Senator **TODAY!**

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how requiring cameras in self-contained special education classrooms would affect you, your family or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** your State Senator before the Senate convenes at 3 PM on Wednesday, May 19th!
 - Click [here](#) for State Senator's full contact information.
 - Don't know your State Senator? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The second person listed will be your State Senator.
 - With your comments, please ensure to include your name, address, phone number, email address, and bill number (HB204).

As the Council and LaCAN continue to practice mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will not hold official Yellow Shirt Days in-person at this time and encourage everyone to advocate safely.

Get Involved Virtually

- Watch committee meetings live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.
- Host committee watch parties on social media and/or post a video sharing your personal story
 - Tag your friends, representatives, senators, and policymakers
 - Use hashtags #LaDDC, #lalege, #LaCAN
- Email, tweet, message, etc. members of the committee before and during the committee meeting and share how the issues above will impact you/your loved ones

Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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