



Action Alert #17 Contact Your State Representative About Requiring Cameras in Special Education Classrooms!

June 4, 2021



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

Monday, June 7th

House of Representatives meets in House Chambers at 10 AM to discuss [SB86](#) which would require cameras be installed in self-contained special education classrooms upon request.

The House Education Committee met on Thursday, May 27th, and passed [SB86](#) by Senator Foil which would [require cameras in special education classrooms upon request](#). Now the bill is headed to the House Floor for debate.

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 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 challenging student behavior.

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

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how the issues above would affect you, your family or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** your State Representative before the House meets on Monday, June 7th!
 - Click [here](#) for State Representative's full contact information.
 - Don't know your State Representative? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

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

LaCAN is an initiative of the LA Developmental Disabilities Council. If there are any questions about the information in this email, contact the Council by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below:

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