



Action Alert #4 Cameras in Special Education Classrooms on Senate Floor TODAY!

March 29, 2022



Senate to consider addressing oversight and accountability of cameras in special education classrooms today!

Tuesday, March 29th The full Senate meets today at 4 PM to discuss Senator Foil's bill ([SB45](#)) which would require all public school governing authorities to adopt policies relative to cameras in self-contained special education classrooms by December 31, 2022. ([Agenda](#))

[Act 456 of 2021](#) requires governing authorities of public and charter schools to adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras in special education classrooms upon request. Unfortunately, many districts have failed to develop and implement any such policy despite the law requiring them to do so. Oversight and accountability is needed to ensure appropriate and timely implementation of the law.

Members of the Senate Education Committee unanimously supported this issue during their meeting last week. They also expressed frustrations with the lack of progress made on getting cameras in special education classrooms and directed the state Department of Education to find the funding to make this happen!

Cameras play an important role in ensuring the safety of students with disabilities and educators. 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. Video and audio surveillance not only increases student safety but also protects educators from false accusations and promotes improved training to address students' challenging behaviors.

If [addressing oversight and accountability regarding cameras in special education classrooms](#) is important to you or someone you know, take action **TODAY!**

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how the issue above has affected you, your family or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** your State Senator NOW before they head to the floor at 4PM!
 - 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.

Get Involved Virtually!

- Watch the Senate meeting live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast. They will meet at 4PM today!
- Host 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.

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