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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 20 - 168

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1003.574, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.574 Video cameras in public school classrooms; ~~pilot program. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, the Video Cameras in Public School Classrooms Pilot Program is created for a period of 3 school years.~~



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(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Incident" means an event, a circumstance, an act, or an omission that results in the abuse or neglect of a student by:

1. An employee of a public school or school district; or
2. Another student.

~~(b) "School district" means the Broward County Public Schools.~~

~~(b)(c)~~ "Self-contained classroom" means a classroom at a public school in which a majority of the students in regular attendance are provided special education services and are assigned to one or more such classrooms for at least 50 percent of the instructional day.

(2)(a) A parent of a student who is in regular attendance in a self-contained classroom may submit a written request to the school principal or the principal's designee for the installation and operation of a video camera in that self-contained school district shall provide a video camera to any school with a self-contained classroom upon the written request of a parent of a student in the classroom.

(b) The district school board shall adopt a policy establishing a process for school personnel to consider and respond to requests submitted under paragraph (a). If the district school board has not adopted a policy under this paragraph, it shall do so at the next regularly scheduled meeting, but no later than 60 days after receipt by the school district of the first request submitted under paragraph (a) Within 30 days after receipt of the request from a parent, a video camera shall be operational in each self-contained



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~~classroom in which the parent's student is in regular attendance
for the remainder of the school year, unless the parent
withdraws his or her request in writing.~~

(c) The policy required under paragraph (b) must, at a
minimum, do all of the following:

1. Establish a reasonable submission window for requests to
be consolidated for consideration and response.

2. Establish criteria for the approval or denial of a
request.

3. Designate the school or district personnel responsible
for receiving, reviewing, and responding to requests.

4. Require written notice to the parent acknowledging
receipt of the request.

5. Allow the parent to submit supporting information and
documentation in support of the request.

6. Require a written determination approving or denying the
request and providing the basis for the determination.

7. Establish a timeframe for issuing the written
determination after the close of the submission window required
under subparagraph 1.

8. Provide a process for escalation or review of a denial.

9. Require compliance with the notice requirements in
subsection (5) before a school initially places a video camera
in a self-contained classroom.

(d) A parent may not submit more than one request under
this subsection per student per school year, except upon a
material change in circumstances as defined in the district
school board policy.

(e) If a request is approved under the policy, a video



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camera must be operational in the self-contained classroom within 30 days after the date of the written determination approving the request and must remain operational for the remainder of the school year, unless the parent withdraws the request in writing.

(3) If the student who is the subject of the initial request is no longer in attendance in the classroom and a school discontinues operation of a video camera during a school year, no later than the 5th school day before the date the operation of the video camera is discontinued, the school must notify the parents of each student in regular attendance in the classroom that operation of the video camera will cease unless the continued use of the camera is requested by a parent. No later than the 10th school day before the end of each school year, the school must notify the parents of each student in regular attendance in the classroom that operation of the video camera will not continue during the following school year unless a written request is submitted by a parent for the next school year.

(4)(a) A video camera placed in a self-contained classroom must be capable of all of the following:

1. Monitoring all areas of the self-contained classroom, including, without limitation, any room attached to the self-contained classroom which is used for other purposes.

2. Recording audio from all areas of the self-contained classroom, including, without limitation, any room attached to the self-contained classroom which is used for other purposes.

(b) A video camera placed in a self-contained classroom may not monitor a restroom or any other area in the self-contained



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classroom where a student changes his or her clothes, except for the entryway, exitway, or hallway outside a restroom or other area where a student changes his or her clothes because of the layout of the self-contained classroom.

(c) A video camera placed in a self-contained classroom is not required to be in operation when students are not present in the self-contained classroom.

(d) If there is an interruption in the operation of the video camera for any reason, an explanation must be submitted in writing to the school principal and the district school board which explains the reason for and duration of the interruption. The written explanation must be maintained at the district school board office for at least 1 year.

(5) Before a school initially places a video camera in a self-contained classroom pursuant to this section, the school shall provide written notice of the placement of such video camera to all of the following:

(a) The parent of each student who is assigned to the self-contained classroom.

(b) Each student who is assigned to the self-contained classroom.

(c) The school district.

(d) Each school employee who is assigned to work with one or more students in the self-contained classroom.

(6) A school shall:

(a) Retain video recorded from a video camera placed pursuant to this section for at least 3 months after the date the video was recorded, after which the recording must ~~shall~~ be deleted or otherwise made irretrievable ~~unretrievable~~; or



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(b) Retain the recording until the conclusion of any investigation or any administrative or legal proceedings that result from the recording have been completed, including, without limitation, the exhaustion of all appeals.

(7) A school or school district may not:

(a) Allow regular, continuous, or continual monitoring of video recorded under this section; ~~or~~

(b) Use video recorded under this section for teacher evaluations or any purpose other than for ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of students receiving special education services in a self-contained classroom, which constitutes security or surveillance of buildings or grounds under s. 1014.04(1)(i)4.; or

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 12

and insert:

An act relating to education; amending s. 1003.574, F.S.; deleting references to the Video Cameras in Public School Classrooms Pilot Program; deleting an obsolete definition; authorizing certain parents to submit a written request to the school principal for installation and operation of a video camera in a self-contained classroom; requiring a district school board, within a specified timeframe, to adopt a policy establishing a process for school personnel to consider and respond to such requests; providing minimum requirements for such policy; limiting the



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156 number of requests a parent may submit per student per
157 school year, subject to an exception; requiring that a
158 video camera be operational within a specified
159 timeframe after approval of a request under the
160 policy; prohibiting a school or school district from