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SYNOPSIS

“Victoria’s Law”; requires video surveillance cameras in certain special education classrooms in public schools for promotion of student safety.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the installation of certain video equipment in
2 special education classrooms and supplementing chapter 46 of
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as “Victoria’s
9 Law.”

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11 2. a. The board of education of a school district or the board of
12 trustees of a charter school or renaissance school project, in order to
13 promote student safety, shall provide video surveillance equipment,
14 including one or more video cameras with the capability of
15 recording sound, to each school that has a classroom in which a
16 majority of the students in regular attendance:

17 (1) are provided special education and related services;

18 (2) are assigned to the classroom for at least 50 percent of the
19 instructional day; and

20 (3) have speech or language delays that render the students
21 unable to communicate effectively.

22 A school that receives video surveillance equipment shall place
23 and operate the equipment in each classroom that satisfies the
24 criteria of this subsection, and shall continue to operate the
25 equipment for as long as the classroom continues to satisfy the
26 criteria of this subsection.

27 b. A video camera placed pursuant to this act shall be capable
28 of:

29 (1) covering all areas of the classroom, except that the camera
30 shall not record the interior of a bathroom or other area in which a
31 student’s clothes are changed; and

32 (2) recording audio from all areas of the classroom.

33 c. Before a school activates a video camera in a classroom
34 pursuant to this act, the school shall provide written notice of the
35 video camera to all school staff members and to the parents or
36 guardians of each student who attends class or engages in school
37 activities in the classroom.

38 d. A school shall retain video recorded from a video camera
39 placed pursuant to this act for at least three months after the date the
40 video was recorded or until the resolution of an alleged incident
41 documented by a recording which has been released for viewing
42 pursuant to section 4 of this act, whichever is longer, unless
43 required to retain video for a longer period by a court order,
44 subpoena, or pursuant to law.

45 e. A video camera placed pursuant to this act is not required to
46 be in operation during times when students are not present in the
47 classroom.

1 f. A school administrator, as well as a school resource officer, as
2 applicable, shall review a minimum of 15 minutes of video recorded
3 from a video camera placed pursuant to this section every 45 days.

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5 3. A public school shall not:

6 a. allow regular or continual monitoring of recordings made by
7 a video camera pursuant to this act; or

8 b. use recordings made by a video camera pursuant to this act
9 for teacher evaluation purposes or for any purpose other than the
10 promotion of the safety of students receiving special education and
11 related services.

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13 4. a. A recording made pursuant to this act is confidential and
14 may not be released or viewed except as provided in this section.

15 b. A public school shall release a video recording for viewing
16 by:

17 (1) a parent or guardian of a student who is involved in
18 an alleged incident documented by the recording for which a
19 complaint has been reported to the public school, on request of the
20 parent or guardian;

21 (2) an employee of the public school who is involved in an
22 alleged incident documented by the recording for which a complaint
23 has been reported to the public school, on request of the employee;

24 (3) appropriate employees of the Department of Children and
25 Families as part of an investigation concerning alleged child abuse
26 or neglect;

27 (4) appropriate Department of Education employees as part of
28 an investigation of an alleged incident documented by the
29 recording; or

30 (5) a law enforcement officer, a school nurse, or a public school
31 administrator trained in de-escalation and restraint techniques, or a
32 human resources staff member designated by a board of education
33 or a board of trustees of a public school in response to a report of an
34 alleged incident or an investigation of an employee of a public
35 school or a report of alleged abuse committed by a student.

36 c. If a person described in paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection b.
37 of this section views the video recording and believes that the
38 recording documents a possible violation under chapter 6 of Title 9
39 of the Revised Statutes, the person shall notify the Department of
40 Children and Families for an investigation of alleged child abuse or
41 neglect.

42 d. If a person described in paragraph (3), (4), or (5) of
43 subsection b. of this section views the video recording and believes
44 that the recording documents a possible violation of school policy,
45 the person may allow access to the recording to appropriate legal
46 and human resources personnel. A recording believed to document
47 a possible violation of school policy relating to the neglect or abuse
48 of a student may be used as part of a disciplinary action against

1 school personnel and shall be released at the request of the student's
2 parent or guardian in a legal proceeding.

3 e. This section shall not limit the access of a student's parent or
4 guardian to a record regarding the student under the federal "Family
5 Educational Rights and Privacy Act" (20 U.S.C. s.1232g) or any
6 other law.

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8 5. A public school may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and
9 donations from any person for use in placing video cameras in
10 special education classrooms pursuant to this act.

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12 6. This act shall not:

13 a. waive any immunity from liability of a public school, or of
14 public school officers or employees; or

15 b. create any liability for a cause of action against a public
16 school or against public school officers or employees.

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18 7. The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations
19 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
20 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the provisions of this
21 act.

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23 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
24 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill, entitled "Victoria's Law," requires the placement and
30 operation of video surveillance equipment, including one or more
31 video cameras with the capability of recording sound, in each
32 classroom of a public school in which a majority of the students in
33 regular attendance:

34 (1) are provided special education and related services;

35 (2) are assigned to the classroom for at least 50 percent of the
36 instructional day; and

37 (3) have speech or language delays which render the students
38 unable to communicate effectively.

39 The video cameras would be required to be capable of covering
40 all areas of the classroom, except for bathrooms and changing areas,
41 and would record audio from all areas of the classroom. Before
42 activating a camera in a classroom under the bill, a school is
43 required to provide written notice to school staff and the parents of
44 each student who attends class or engages in activities in the
45 classroom. The bill provides that a school administrator, as well as
46 a school resource officer, as applicable, would review at least 15
47 minutes of the video footage every 45 days.

1 Under the bill, public schools are prohibited from allowing
2 regular or continual monitoring of the video recordings or using the
3 recordings for teacher evaluation purposes or for any purpose other
4 than the promotion of the safety of students receiving special
5 education and related services. The bill provides that the video
6 recordings are confidential and may be viewed or released only
7 under certain circumstances and by certain individuals as specified
8 in the bill.

9 Under the bill, a public school is required to retain recorded
10 video for at least three months or until the resolution of an alleged
11 incident documented by a recording which has been released for
12 viewing pursuant to the bill's provisions, whichever is longer,
13 unless required to retain video for a longer period by a court order,
14 subpoena, or pursuant to law. The bill permits a public school to
15 solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any person for
16 use in placing the video cameras in special education classrooms.