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S.B. No. 1380

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the placement of video monitoring cameras in self-
3 contained classrooms providing special education services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 26.009(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) An employee of a school district is not required to
8 obtain the consent of a child's parent before the employee may make
9 a videotape of a child or authorize the recording of a child's voice
10 if the videotape or voice recording is to be used only for:

11 (1) purposes of safety, including the maintenance of
12 order and discipline in common areas of the school or on school
13 buses;

14 (2) a purpose related to a cocurricular or
15 extracurricular activity;

16 (3) a purpose related to regular classroom
17 instruction; ~~or~~

18 (4) media coverage of the school; or

19 (5) a purpose related to the promotion of student
20 safety under Section 29.022.

21 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
22 amended by adding Section 29.022 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 29.022. VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF CLASSROOMS. (a) In
24 order to promote student safety, a school district shall provide

1 equipment for a school to place a video monitoring camera in a
2 self-contained classroom in which students receive special
3 services.

4 (b) Before a school places a video monitoring camera in a
5 classroom under this section, the school shall provide written
6 notice of the placement to the parents of a student receiving
7 special services in the self-contained classroom.

8 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014
9 school year.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.