

It's a Matter of the Heart

Senate Bill 507: Advocating for the Safety of our Students



Advocating for SB 507

“Imagine the hearts of parents that have - noticed bruises on their child’s body - found out that their child's hair was ripped out and then the child was closed in a filing cabinet - made to eat hot sauce covered crayons - had water sprayed into their face at point blank range - slapped, pushed, & beaten - made to sit in a closet/storeroom for extended periods of time without food or water.”

What would you do?

What do you think?

Please complete the survey by entering the link below into your browser!!

<http://goo.gl/forms/h5BmqGzhrz4sqVPn1>

The results will be discussed at the end of the presentation!!

Objectives

- Explain the intent of SB 507
- Describe the current logistics and recommendations for implementation
- Address some of the concerns with the implementation
- Investigate funding options available for implementation of video surveillance
- Review the results of the audience survey for further self-reflection

Intent of SB 507

Amendment that requires school districts and charter schools to place audio/visual surveillance equipment within the educational setting of a special needs student.

Description of SB 507

- a. The student must be in a special education setting for 50% or more of the educational day.
- b. Written notice must be provided to the parents.
- c. Surveillance does not require parent consent of all the parents.
- d. Once a parent makes the request for review, the district must comply with the request.

Areas of Concern

- The cost of the installation, maintenance and storage of the videos is a concern to the districts
- Teachers are concerned about the invasion of privacy although the law states that this is not to be used as an evaluative tool.
- Some parents are worried about the invasion of their child's privacy-Parents will need to be assured that their child's privacy will not be jeopardized (FERPA)
- Currently as the law stands, there are gaps in how the law can be interpreted based on perspective.

Funding

- No fiscal impact on State and Local governments
- Donations/Solicited Gifts
 - Drako Cloud Security Grant- \$1,000,000 grant for school implementation of video surveillance
- Large fiscal impact on school districts and charter schools
 - \$1,550-\$3,500 + Monthly fees per classroom
- Grants- Federal and State

Recommended Tools for Implementation

After receiving school board approval of developed policy:

- Schedule installation of audio/visual equipment
- Send out notice to parents/guardians with a 30 day notice of implementation of video use
- Prior to the start of the school year, conduct professional development training to include clarification of the law and district policy for all staff.
- Provide crisis prevention intervention training to all staff, starting with individuals who have direct interaction with specified student population.
- Remind campus staff of date of utilization of surveillance once it is installed.
- Encourage an open door policy for questions or concerns to administration

Video of News Reports

<http://kxan.com/2016/09/08/surveillance-cameras-up-and-running-in-some-special-education-classrooms/>

Q & A

You have

Questions

We have

Answers

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