

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1866

By: Representative Brooks

By: Senator J. Dotson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE ELI'S LAW; TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL TO INSTALL AN AUDIO RECORDING DEVICE IN EACH LOCKER ROOM AND DRESSING ROOM ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE ELI'S LAW; AND TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL TO INSTALL AN AUDIO RECORDING DEVICE IN EACH LOCKER ROOM AND DRESSING ROOM ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 21, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-21-122. Eli's Law – Audio recording device – Required in certain locations.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as "Eli's Law".

(b)(1) To ensure the safety of each student, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, each public school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall install an audio recording device in each locker room and changing room located on the public school district's or open-enrollment public charter school's property.

(2) Each public school district and open-enrollment public charter school shall post in a conspicuous place in each locker room and changing room located on the public school district's or open-enrollment



public charter school's property a sign that notifies individuals of the presence of an audio recording device in the locker room or changing room.

(c)(1) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school shall not:

(A) Destroy an audio recording created by the devices installed under subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of ninety (90) days after the date on which the audio recording was created; and

(B) Maintain an audio recording created by the devices installed under subsection (b) of this section for longer than twelve (12) months from the date on which the audio recording was made unless there has been an allegation of wrongdoing for which the audio recording may be used as evidence.

(2) At least ten (10) days before the destruction of an audio recording obtained under subsection (b) of this section, the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school shall publish a notice of intent to destroy the audio recording on the public school district's or open-enrollment public charter school's website.

(d) An audio recording created by the devices under subsection (b) of this section may be requested only by:

(1) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school administrator; or

(2) A parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to a student who presents an allegation of wrongdoing for which the audio recording may be used as evidence.

(e) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school may use available state funding to implement the requirements under this section, including without limitation funds set aside by the General Assembly for school safety.

/s/Brooks