

House Bill 1001

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 20-2-324.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 video monitoring cameras in classrooms providing special education services, requirements,  
3 evaluations, and funding, so as to provide for the placement of video monitoring cameras in  
4 classrooms providing special education services to students who qualify for such services  
5 under certain eligibility categories; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dunson, Hatcher, and Wells Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Code Section 20-2-324.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to video  
12 monitoring cameras in classrooms providing special education services, requirements,  
13 evaluations, and funding, is amended by revising subsections (a), (d), and (e) as follows:

14 "(a) The Department of Education is authorized to provide guidance for the placement of  
15 video monitoring cameras and equipment by a school in self-contained classrooms in  
16 which students receive special education and related services. The Department of  
17 Education is authorized to approve local school systems for participation and may approve  
18 local school systems which already utilize video monitoring cameras and equipment in  
19 their special education self-contained classrooms through an application process. The  
20 ~~department~~ Department of Education or an approved local school system may approve  
21 schools in the local school system for participation. A local school system or school may,  
22 in its sole discretion, agree to participate, except that video monitoring cameras and  
23 equipment shall be utilized in all self-contained classrooms in which students receive  
24 special education and related services under the eligibility categories of significant speech

25 and language impairment, particularly nonverbal; severe intellectual disability; or profound  
26 intellectual disability."

27 "(d) The Department of Education shall provide guidelines and criteria regarding the  
28 effectiveness, feasibility, and benefits, including any impact on safety, and the Department  
29 of Education may require participating local school systems or schools to conduct an  
30 evaluation. If the ~~department~~ Department of Education requires such evaluations, the  
31 ~~department~~ Department of Education shall collect and report the results of such evaluation  
32 to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Education and Youth Committee.

33 (e)(1) The ~~department~~ Department of Education shall serve as a state level flow through  
34 point for any available state or federal funding.

35 (2) Local school systems may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any  
36 person or entity for use in placing video monitoring cameras in classrooms pursuant to  
37 this Code section."

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### SECTION 3.

39 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.