



[HF 2681](#) – Special Education Classrooms, Cameras (LSB6610HV)
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Description

[House File 2681](#) requires public schools to install a video recording system in each special education classroom in each attendance center. The video recording system and any recording created must meet stated requirements. This Bill requires school districts to pay costs required by the Bill from State Foundation School Aid per Iowa Code section [25B.2](#) (State Mandates).

Background

According to the Department of Education (DE) [2025-2026 Iowa Public School Building Directory](#), there are 1,321 attendance centers statewide. Within those attendance centers, it is unknown the number of self-contained special education classrooms, the total number of special education classrooms, or the number of blended special education and general education classrooms.

Several states, including the following, have enacted similar legislation for the installation of cameras in special education classrooms:

- [Texas](#)
- [West Virginia](#)
- [Louisiana](#)
- [Alabama](#)

Assumptions

- The number of special education classrooms is estimated based on the school district size:
 - Enrollment of 0 to 500 — two special education classrooms per attendance center covering 442 classrooms.
 - Enrollment of 501 to 1,000 — three special education classrooms per attendance center covering 969 classrooms.
 - Enrollment of 1,001 to 5,000— four special education classrooms per attendance center covering 2,260 classrooms.
 - Enrollment of 5,001 and above — seven special education classrooms per attendance center covering 2,275 classrooms.
- The estimated number of cameras required will be 5,946.
- The cost of cameras, licensing, software, and installation is estimated to be \$3,000 per camera.
- Annual video storage costs per camera will be \$650.

Fiscal Impact

House File 2681 is expected to have no fiscal impact to the Department of Education. Initial implementation costs for public schools are estimated to be \$21.7 million. There will be ongoing replacement and maintenance costs; however, these cannot be estimated.

Sources

Department of Education
Iowa Association of School Boards

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