

**Senate File 499 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 499  
BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
OVERSIGHT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1184)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the use of certain monitoring devices  
2 in certain locations open to the public, and including  
3 effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 27.1 Definitions.

2 1. For purposes of this section:

3 a. "*Monitoring device*" means a digital video or audio  
4 streaming or recording device that is part of a system of  
5 monitoring activity in an area or building using a system in  
6 which signals are transmitted from a video camera or microphone  
7 to the receivers by cables or wirelessly, forming a closed  
8 circuit.

9 b. "*Public hospital*" means a hospital licensed pursuant to  
10 chapter 135B and governed pursuant to chapter 145A, 347, 347A,  
11 or 392.

12 c. "*Public library*" means a library district as described  
13 in chapter 336.

14 d. "*Public school*" means a school district as described in  
15 chapter 274.

16 e. "*Reasonable expectation of privacy*" means a person's  
17 reasonable belief, under the circumstances, that the person can  
18 disrobe or partially disrobe in privacy without being concerned  
19 that the person is being viewed, photographed, or filmed when  
20 doing so.

21 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 27.2 Monitoring devices prohibited.

22 The state or a political subdivision of the state, including  
23 but not limited to a public library, public school, or  
24 other government office open to the public, shall not use a  
25 monitoring device in a toilet, bath, or shower facility; locker  
26 room; common area within such a facility or room, including an  
27 area where a sink or changing table is located; or other space  
28 open to the public where a person has a reasonable expectation  
29 of privacy.

30 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 27.3 Removal of monitoring devices.

31 On or before July 1, 2017, the state or a political  
32 subdivision of the state, including but not limited to a public  
33 library, public school, or other government office open to the  
34 public, using a monitoring device in a toilet, bath, or shower  
35 facility; locker room; common area within such a facility or



1 The bill requires the state or a political subdivision of the  
2 state using a monitoring device to cease doing so and to remove  
3 the monitoring device by July 1, 2017. The bill nullifies  
4 any local ordinance, resolution, rule, or other measure that  
5 permits the use of a monitoring device in a toilet, bath, or  
6 shower facility, locker room, or other space where a person has  
7 a reasonable expectation of privacy.

8 The bill does not apply to a public hospital where use of a  
9 monitoring device is necessary to protect the health or safety  
10 of a patient during a patient's course of treatment.

11 The bill takes effect upon enactment.