

HOUSE BILL 248

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to cameras on school buses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt policies to allow a parent of a student to view photos or video footage collected from a camera or video camera installed inside a school used to transport the parent's student to and from school or school-sponsored activity trips, if a parent or student reports to a school official that physical harm, harassment, intimidation, or bullying has occurred against the parent's student while being transported on the school bus. The policies must require that photos or video footage be viewed under supervision of the director of schools, the school principal, or a school official. The policies must comply with § 10-7-504, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g), and other relevant state or federal privacy laws. The policies may establish a process or timeframe by which a parent must request access to view the photos or video footage under this section.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" means the same as defined in § 49-6-4502; and

(2) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, person who has custody of the child, or individual who has caregiving authority under § 49-6-3001.

SECTION 2. For purposes of adopting policies, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.