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By Representatives Jacobsen and Walsh

1 AN ACT Relating to video recording devices for school buses;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.160 RCW; and creating a new  
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) By September 1, 2023, all school buses that are primarily or  
8 exclusively used for the transportation of students with disabilities  
9 must be equipped with video recording devices for the purpose of  
10 documenting actions occurring in the interior of the bus during the  
11 students' transportation to and from school, which must be inclusive  
12 of the time between the students' entrance to and exit from the bus.

13 (2)(a) The school district must install, operate, and maintain  
14 the recording devices required by this section for school buses that  
15 are the property of the school district.

16 (b) The school district and the entity with which the school  
17 district contracts for the provision of student transportation shall,  
18 by mutual agreement, provide for the installation, operation, and  
19 maintenance of the recording devices required by this section for  
20 school buses that are not the property of the school district.

21 (3) Video recordings made in accordance with this section:

1 (a) Are the exclusive property of the school district and may not  
2 be viewed, transferred, or otherwise made available to other persons  
3 or entities without the express permission of the school district;  
4 and

5 (b) Must be retained and accessible to qualified school district  
6 personnel for a minimum of one year after the date of the recording.

7 (4) School districts shall revise or adopt policies as necessary  
8 to protect the privacy of students whose images are or may be  
9 captured in recordings required by this section. Policies adopted in  
10 accordance with this subsection must, at a minimum:

11 (a) Restrict access to the recordings to qualified personnel of  
12 the school district, qualified personnel of the entity employing the  
13 bus driver if the student transportation services are provided by a  
14 private entity, and school district employees whose images are or may  
15 be captured in the recordings; and

16 (b) Limit parental and legal guardian access to the recordings to  
17 only the parents and legal guardians of students whose images are or  
18 may be captured in the recordings.

19 (5) For the purposes of this section "to and from school" has the  
20 same meaning as in RCW 28A.160.160.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
22 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
23 provided by June 30, 2022, in the omnibus operating appropriations  
24 act, this act is null and void.

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