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HOUSE BILL 1866

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5 By: Representative Brooks

6 By: Senator J. Dotson

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE ELI'S LAW; TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL TO INSTALL AN AUDIO RECORDING DEVICE IN EACH
11 LOCKER ROOM AND DRESSING ROOM ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
12 CAMPUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17 TO CREATE ELI'S LAW; AND TO REQUIRE EACH
18 PUBLIC SCHOOL TO INSTALL AN AUDIO
19 RECORDING DEVICE IN EACH LOCKER ROOM AND
20 DRESSING ROOM ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 CAMPUS.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 21, Subchapter 1, is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-21-122. Eli's Law – Audio recording device – Required in certain
27 locations.

28 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as "Eli's Law".

29 (b)(1) To ensure the safety of each student, beginning with the 2027-
30 2028 school year, each public school district and open-enrollment public
31 charter school shall install an audio recording device in each locker room
32 and changing room located on the public school district's or open-enrollment
33 public charter school's property.

34 (2) Each public school district and open-enrollment public
35 charter school shall post in a conspicuous place in each locker room and
36 changing room located on the public school district's or open-enrollment



1 public charter school's property a sign that notifies individuals of the
2 presence of an audio recording device in the locker room or changing room.

3 (c)(1) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter
4 school shall not:

5 (A) Destroy an audio recording created by the devices
6 installed under subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of ninety (90)
7 days after the date on which the audio recording was created; and

8 (B) Maintain an audio recording created by the devices
9 installed under subsection (b) of this section for longer than twelve (12)
10 months from the date on which the audio recording was made unless there has
11 been an allegation of wrongdoing for which the audio recording may be used as
12 evidence.

13 (2) At least ten (10) days before the destruction of an audio
14 recording obtained under subsection (b) of this section, the public school
15 district or open-enrollment public charter school shall publish a notice of
16 intent to destroy the audio recording on the public school district's or
17 open-enrollment public charter school's website.

18 (d) An audio recording created by the devices under subsection (b) of
19 this section may be requested only by:

20 (1) A public school district or an open-enrollment public
21 charter school administrator; or

22 (2) A parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco
23 parentis to a student who presents an allegation of wrongdoing for which the
24 audio recording may be used as evidence.

25 (e) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school
26 may use available state funding to implement the requirements under this
27 section, including without limitation funds set aside by the General Assembly
28 for school safety.

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30 /s/Brooks

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33 **APPROVED: 4/21/25**