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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND
CELLULAR TELEPHONE CAMERAS IN CLASSROOMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study the use and impact of cellular telephone cameras in schools
3 and during school activities. Such study shall include, but not be
4 limited to, an examination of the use of cellular telephone cameras or
5 other electronic devices with video recording capabilities in
6 classrooms, the impact of such video recording devices on students
7 and faculty, the potential distribution of such recordings and any
8 recommendations concerning the prohibition of such recording
9 devices in schools.

10 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives;

- 15 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 16 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
17 Representatives;
- 18 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
- 20 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
21 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
22 of the General Assembly.
- 23 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
24 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
25 filled by the appointing authority.
- 26 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
27 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
28 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
29 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
30 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- 31 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
32 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
33 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 34 (g) Not later than January 1, 2010, the task force shall submit a
35 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
38 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
39 that it submits such report or January 1, 2010, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To study issues related to the use and impact of cellular telephone cameras and other recording devices in schools.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]