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Directs the director of the office of information technology services to conduct a study on the use of biometric identifying technology; prohibits the use of biometric identifying technology in schools until July 1, 2022 or until the commissioner of education authorizes such purchase or...

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Study/Task Force

Last Action (Jan 28, 2021): signed chap.2

Summary

This bill, introduced on January 6, 2021, mandates a study on biometric technology in schools and prohibits its use in public and nonpublic schools, including charter schools, until authorized by the education commissioner.

Business Impact

If you operate a school in New York, you must refrain from using biometric technology until authorized or face potential legal issues.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits the use of biometric identifying technology in public and nonpublic schools, including charter schools, until July 1, 2022, or until authorized by the commissioner.
- Defines 'biometric identifying technology' and 'biometric information'.
- Requires a report on the implications of biometric technology before any authorization.
- Allows limited use of biometric technology for employee identification with consent.
- Mandates public hearings and stakeholder consultation for the report.
- Repeals previous provisions related to biometric technology in education law.

Compliance Checklist

- Refrain from using biometric identifying technology | Who: Public and nonpublic schools | Penalty: Potential legal issues
- Prepare for compliance with future regulations | Who: School administrators | Penalty: To be determined based on future regulations

Industries Affected

Education

Technology

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
KAVANAGH		Primary
ORTIZ		Cosponsor
MOSLEY		Cosponsor
DAVILA		Cosponsor
PICHARDO		Cosponsor
BICHOTTE		Cosponsor
COLTON		Cosponsor
JOYNER		Cosponsor
WALKER		Cosponsor
SEAWRIGHT		Cosponsor
SEPULVEDA		Cosponsor
ROSENTHAL L		Cosponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2021-01-25	Floor Vote	47	16	Passed
2021-01-12	Assembly Vote	149	0	Passed

Related Bills

- S00893 (NY)
- S5140 (NY)
- A6787 (NY)

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