

SB143 • Colorado

Extend Prohibition on School Facial Recognition

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Effective: Aug 12, 2026 | Last Action (Apr 18, 2025): Governor Signed

Summary

This bill extends the prohibition on schools using facial recognition services, initially set to repeal on July 1, 2025, with exceptions for safety and educational purposes.

Business Impact

If you operate a school in Colorado, you must develop a policy on facial recognition use by August 12, 2026, or face legal action.

Key Provisions

- Extends the prohibition on facial recognition services in schools until further notice.
- Allows exceptions for educational purposes and safety-related uses, including identifying a missing student or an individual ordered to stay off school property.
- Requires schools to develop policies on facial recognition technology use.
- Mandates consent for processing biometric identifiers.
- Designates authorized personnel for data processing.
- Provides legal recourse for violations of the act.

Compliance Checklist

- Develop a policy governing facial recognition technology use. | Who: Each school district. | Penalty: Legal action may be taken for non-compliance.
- Ensure consent is obtained for processing biometric identifiers. | Who: Schools using facial recognition technology. | Penalty: Legal action may be taken for non-compliance.

Industries Affected

Law Enforcement

Technology

Education

Topics

Facial Recognition

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Lindsey Daugherty	D	Sponsor
Paul Lundeen	R	Sponsor
Ryan Armagost	R	Sponsor
Michael Carter	D	Sponsor
Judith Amabile	D	Sponsor
Nick Hinrichsen	D	Sponsor
Cathy Kipp	D	Sponsor
Barbara Kirkmeyer	R	Sponsor
Kyle Mullica	D	Sponsor
Dylan Roberts	D	Sponsor
Robert Rodriguez	D	Sponsor
Monica Duran	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-04-04	Senate: House Amendments Concur	35	0	Passed
2025-04-04	Senate: House Amendments Repass	35	0	Passed
2025-04-03	House: Third Reading Bill	63	2	Passed
2025-03-26	House Education: Refer Senate Bill 25-143 to the C	13	0	Passed
2025-03-14	Senate: Third Reading Bill	33	1	Passed
2025-03-05	Senate Education: Adopt amendment L.002	7	0	Passed
2025-03-05	Senate Education: Adopt amendment L.008	7	0	Passed
2025-03-05	Senate Education: Adopt amendment L.009	7	0	Passed

Amendments

- Senate Education Amendment L.002 — 2025-03-05 (Adopted)
- Senate Education Amendment L.009 — 2025-03-05 (Adopted)
- Senate Education Amendment L.008 — 2025-03-05 (Adopted)
- Second Reading Amendment L.011 — 2025-03-13 (Adopted)
- Second Reading Amendment L.012 — 2025-03-13 (Adopted)
- Second Reading Amendment L.013 — 2025-04-02 (Adopted)

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