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Directs the commissioner of education 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 authorizes such purchase or utilization, whichever occurs later.

Passed Both Chambers

Risk: Medium

Study/Task Force

Effective: Jul 01, 2022 | Last Action (Dec 22, 2020): approval memo.53

Summary

This bill mandates a study on biometric technology in schools and prohibits its use until authorized by the commissioner of education.

Business Impact

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

Key Provisions

- Prohibits the use of biometric identifying technology in schools until authorized.
- Commissioner must conduct a study on the implications of such technology.
- Report must include recommendations on privacy and civil rights protections.
- Public hearings required to gather feedback from stakeholders.
- Defines biometric identifying technology and related terms.
- Consultation with various stakeholders is mandated for the report.

Compliance Checklist

- Refrain from using biometric identifying technology | Who: Public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools | Penalty: Potential penalties for unauthorized use
- Participate in public hearings and provide feedback | Who: Stakeholders including teachers, parents, and experts

Industries Affected

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Monica Wallace	D	Sponsor
Harvey Epstein	D	Sponsor
Walter Mosley	D	Sponsor
Michael Miller	D	Sponsor
Jo Simon	D	Sponsor
Richard Gottfried	D	Sponsor
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Steven Otis	D	Sponsor
Aravella Simotas	D	Sponsor
Dan Quart	D	Sponsor
Ron Kim	D	Sponsor

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2020-07-22	Senate Floor Vote - Final Passage	46	14	Passed
2019-06-20	Assembly Floor Vote - Final Passage	128	19	Passed
2019-06-18	Assembly Rules Committee: Favorable	25	0	Passed
2019-06-06	Assembly Ways And Means Committee: Favorable refer	22	9	Passed
2019-06-05	Assembly Education Committee: Favorable refer to c	25	4	Passed

Related Bills

- [S5140 \(NY\)](#)
- [S00893 \(NY\)](#)
- [A00954 \(NY\)](#)

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