

RES 17-062

Wilmington, Delaware
September 21, 2017

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Sponsors:

Council
President
Shabazz

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Member
Chukwuocha

WHEREAS, according to the Rodel Foundation in Delaware, there are approximately 136,000 students enrolled in Delaware public schools; and

WHEREAS, our children are our future leaders and changemakers, and leaders in Delaware have the responsibility to ensure their safety and provide transportation to and from school that will be secure and fair to the wellbeing of students; and

WHEREAS, school districts in various states, including Delaware, as well as some private bus companies, utilize school bus cameras as a means to ensure child safety and provide evidence for disciplinary investigations; and

WHEREAS, some school districts, both in Delaware and in other states, have implemented policies that specify the length of retention of video footage from school buses as a means to ensure safety and the fairness of disciplinary processes for students; and

WHEREAS, given the increased utilization of school bus cameras in schools and districts across the country, Delaware would be well-served by implementing a policy governing uniform standards for retention of video footage and processes for access and review following a documented incident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that City Council respectfully encourages the Delaware Department of Education to implement a policy that would require the retention of video footage from school buses for a uniform period of time in schools throughout Delaware, as well as to establish processes for footage access and review following an incident. City Council

further encourages the Department of Education to explore additional funding avenues to assist school districts in implementing this policy.

Passed by City Council,
September 21, 2017

Attest: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 19th
day of September, 2017.

Elizabeth D. Power
Senior Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution encourages the Delaware Department of Education to implement a policy to establish uniform standards for retention of school bus video footage, as well as processes for access to and review of footage following an incident.