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Audio Recording on School Buses and Vehicles

Recently, an amendment to the Wiretap and Surveillance Act was signed into law by Governor Corbett. The amendment clarifies that audio taping on buses and school vehicles is now permitted. Use of video recording devices on school buses has been in use for many years, however, the Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Act had been interpreted as not permitting audio taping. This new amendment now provides clear legal authority to permit audio taping on school buses.

Audio taping on a school bus or a school vehicle is permitted as long as the following are provided:

1. The school district has adopted a policy that authorizes audio interpretation for disciplinary or security reasons.
2. Each year, the school board notifies its students and parents or guardians of the policy by letter mailed to the students' home address.
3. The school district posts a notice that students may be audio taped, which notice is clearly visible on each school bus or school vehicle that the bus or vehicle is furnished with audio recording equipment.

This notice is to inform you that on September 17, 2014, the Shaler Area School District Board of Directors updated Policy 810 Transportation to include this revision.

Thank you,

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