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Student death prompts legislation on bullying

US House passes amendment requiring notification

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WASHINGTON - The House of Representatives Friday unanimously passed an amendment that would require school officials to notify parents of any video recordings of violent incidents that occur in school, officials said, a response to the Central Regional High School student who died by suicide in February.


The amendment - offered by Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) - is heading to the Senate as part of the Parents Bill of Rights Act (HR 5), according to a news release from Smith's office.

The amendment was prompted by the death of Adriana Olivia Kuch, a student at Central Regional High School in Berkeley, who took her own life days after a group of students attacked her at school and then shared a video of the assault online.

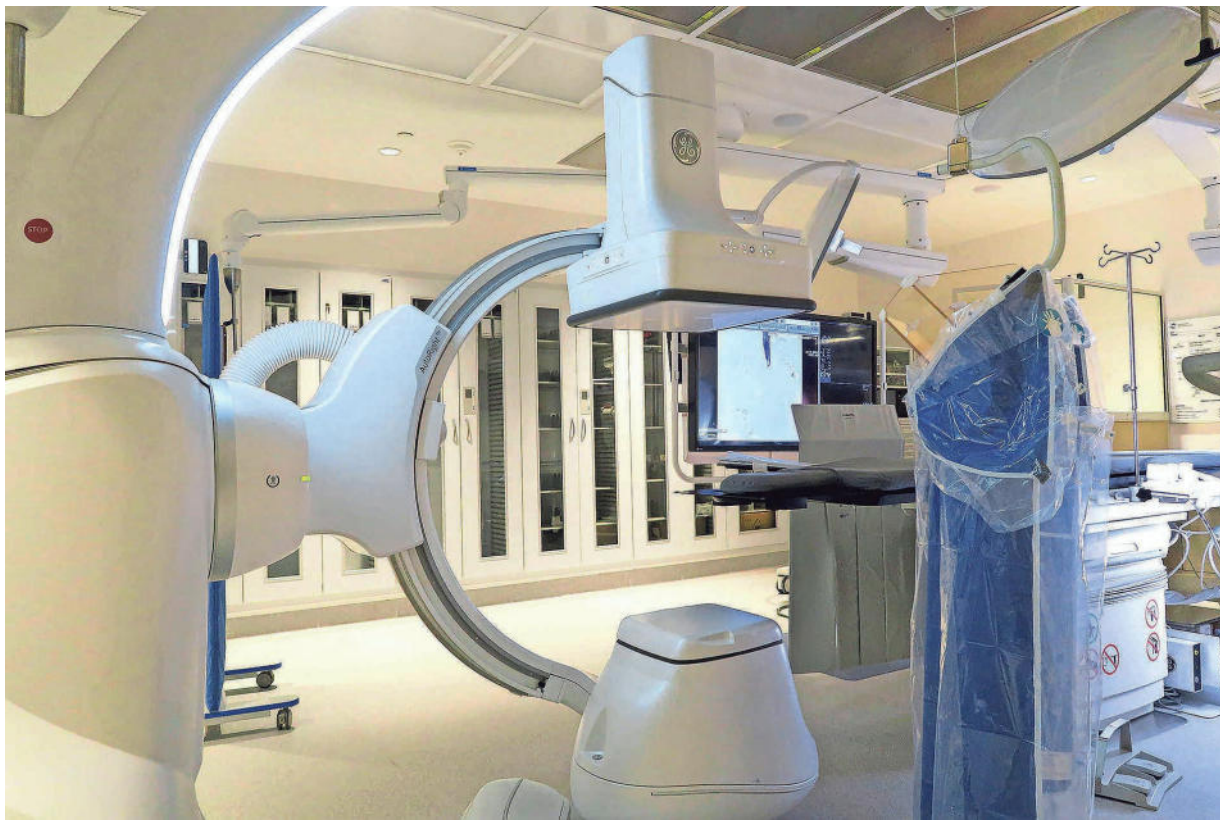
"My amendment recognizes that bullying and violence are often compounded—and the victim further traumatized, further humiliated, and further mocked—when the crime is videotaped and shared on social media," said Smith.

The congressman said that the amendment would help keep parents informed of violent incidences at schools, and help them protect their children.

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\$20M heart lab unveiled in Brick



This is one of the new operating suites that is part of the \$20 million cardiac and vascular center at Ocean University Medical Center in Brick. PHOTOS BY THOMAS P. COSTELLO/ASBURY PARK PRESS

Move designed to keep up with an aging population

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BRICK - Ocean University Medical Center unveiled a \$20 million center for heart and vascular procedures, in a move designed to keep up with an aging population in a fast-growing county.

The Dr. Robert H. and Mary Ellen Harris Heart & Vascular Center, at 17,750 square feet, is twice the size of the hospital's previous catheterization laboratory

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Robert C. Garrett, CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health, speaks during the unveiling of the new cardiac and vascular center in Brick.

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It's 'potentially saving a life': You could rescue this Fair Haven teen

Emmy Freund is a 15-year-old freshman at Rumson-Fair Haven High School who sings in a youth band and likes volleyball and dancing.

"She's a calm, tender, sweet girl and a hard worker," family friend Sally Trezza said.

Right now she's fighting for her life, and members of the public can help her.

In December Emmy was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia, which starts in the bone marrow and often moves quickly into the bloodstream — and sometimes to other parts of the body.

She's in Hackensack University Medical Center undergoing intensive chemotherapy, and after that comes a bone-marrow transplant.

The problem is: Doctors have not found a good bone-marrow match for Emmy in the national donor registry so Trezza — whose daughter Jolie is friends with Emmy — is issuing a broad appeal for help.

"We've been trying to get as many people as possible to register, to see if we can find a match for her," Trezza said.

Each year roughly 18,000 people in the U.S. are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses requiring a bone-marrow transplant.

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Emmy Freund PROVIDED BY FREUND FAMILY



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