

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1321 creates the Let Them Learn Act. It directs the State Board of Education to establish a 2-year pilot program to provide grants to public middle schools and high schools to incentivize phone-free spaces for student learning. It directs the Board to select fifteen recipients from applying districts of certain sizes. It directs grant funds to be used to purchase devices or equipment in which students can store their cell phones during the school day. It allows the Board, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, to negotiate and enter into a contract with a vendor for a state rate price for such devices; however, it doesn't require a grant recipient to use the contracted vendor. The bill requires recipient districts upon completion of each year of the two-year pilot program to submit a report to the State Board of Education, and it requires the Board to submit a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and Governor by December 31, 2027.

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