

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1276 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Chad Caldwell _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

By: Caldwell (Chad)

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to schools; requiring district boards
10 of education to adopt a policy prohibiting student
11 cell phone and personal electronic device use under
12 certain circumstances; requiring exceptions for
13 emergencies; allowing board approval to opt out of
14 prohibition; requiring annual approval of alternative
15 policies; defining terms; providing for codification;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24-162 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Before the start of the 2025-2026 school year, each school
23 district board of education shall adopt a policy to prohibit the use
24 of cell phones and personal electronic devices by students enrolled
in the district during the entirety of the school day and while
present on school grounds.

1 B. District policies described in subsection A of this section
2 shall incorporate provisions for emergency use including, but not
3 limited to, use to support medical issues documented by a licensed
4 medical professional.

5 C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a school
6 district board of education may vote to adopt a policy allowing
7 student cell phone or personal electronic device usage during the
8 school day. Any such policy shall be reviewed and approved by the
9 district board on an annual basis.

10 D. For purposes of this section:

11 1. "Cell phone" means a portable wireless telephone device that
12 is designed to send or receive transmissions through a cellular
13 radiotelephone service;

14 2. "Personal electronic device" means any personal device
15 capable of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, a cellular or
16 Wi-Fi network, or directly connecting to another similar device.
17 Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart
18 watches, smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses.
19 Personal electronic devices shall not include devices that are
20 school-issued or school-approved and specifically limited for use in
21 classroom instruction; and

22 3. "School day" means the entirety of the day, from the first
23 bell indicating the beginning of classroom instruction through the
24 final bell indicating the end of classroom instruction.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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