

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 139

By: Seifried and Bergstrom of
the Senate

6 and

7 Caldwell (Chad) of the
8 House

9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

10 An Act relating to schools; defining terms; requiring
11 school district boards of education to adopt a policy
12 prohibiting use of cell phones and personal
13 electronic devices while on campus during certain
14 time period; directing policy to contain disciplinary
15 procedures; allowing policy to include certain
16 exceptions; providing for codification; providing an
17 effective date; and declaring an 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 1-126 of Title 70, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. As used in this section:

23 1. "Bell to bell" means the time between the first bell ringing
24 at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the

1 dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional
2 time; and

3 2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable
4 of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi
5 network, or directly connecting to another similar device. Personal
6 electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart watches,
7 smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses. Personal
8 electronic devices shall not include school-issued or school-
9 approved devices that are specifically limited for use in classroom
10 instruction.

11 B. Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy
12 prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal electronic
13 devices while on the campus of a public school district from bell to
14 bell. The policy shall include disciplinary procedures for
15 violations.

16 C. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection B of this section
17 may provide for exceptions including, but not limited to:

18 1. Emergency use of cell phones or personal electronic devices
19 by students during the school day; and

20 2. Use of cell phones or personal electronic devices by
21 students who use them to monitor health issues.

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

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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