

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 11, 2025

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 139

6 By: Seifried and Bergstrom of
7 the Senate

8 and

9 Caldwell (Chad) of the
10 House

11 [schools - cell phones and personal electronic
12 devices - disciplinary procedures - exceptions -
13 codification - effective date -
14 emergency]

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As used in this section:

20 1. "Bell to bell" means the time between the first bell ringing
21 at the start of the school day to begin instructional time until the
22 dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end instructional
23 time; and

24 2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable
of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, or a cellular or Wi-Fi
network, or directly connecting to another similar device. Personal

1 electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart watches,
2 smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses. Personal
3 electronic devices shall not include school-issued or school-
4 approved devices that are specifically limited for use in classroom
5 instruction.

6 B. Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy
7 prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal electronic
8 devices while on the campus of a public school district from bell to
9 bell. The policy shall include disciplinary procedures for
10 violations.

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

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

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

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

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
23 February 11, 2025 - DO PASS AS AMENDED BY CS
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