

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1277</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10158</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Subject to availability of funding; \$7.5 million</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 1277, as introduced, requires the State Board of Education to distribute \$7.5 million in grant funding to help schools implement their phone-free policies. Schools must use the funding to buy equipment for storing the phones during the school day. The Board must prioritize schools that submit funding applications by July 1, 2025, and must also attempt to equally distribute the funds to schools across the state.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure as currently written is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations. However, the total program cost is anticipated to be \$7.5 million once fully implemented.

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**Other Considerations**

None.