

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE  
5 BILL NO. 139

By: Seifried and Bergstrom of  
the Senate

6 and

7 Caldwell (Chad) of the  
8 House

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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 for certain school year; allowing such a  
15 policy beginning in certain school year; directing  
16 policy to contain disciplinary procedures; allowing  
17 policy to include certain exceptions; providing for  
18 codification; providing an effective date; and  
19 declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. As used in this section:

1. "Bell to bell" means the time between the first bell ringing  
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. 1. For the 2025-2026 school year, each school district  
12 board of education shall adopt a policy prohibiting students from  
13 using cell phones and personal electronic devices while on the  
14 campus of a public school district from bell to bell. The policy  
15 shall include disciplinary procedures for violations.

16 2. For the 2026-2027 school year and each school year  
17 thereafter, each school district board of education may adopt a  
18 policy prohibiting students from using cell phones and personal  
19 electronic devices while on the campus of a public school district  
20 from bell to bell.

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

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

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

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

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

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9        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OVERSIGHT, dated  
10 04/16/2025 - DO PASS.

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