

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 139

By: Seifried and Bergstrom of
the Senate

3 and

4 Caldwell (Chad) of the
5 House

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7 An Act relating to schools; defining terms; requiring
8 school district boards of education to adopt a policy
9 prohibiting use of cell phones and personal
10 electronic devices while on campus during certain
11 time period for certain school year; allowing such a
12 policy beginning in certain school year; directing
13 policy to contain disciplinary procedures; allowing
14 policy to include certain exceptions; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

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

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

21 A. As used in this section:

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

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

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

7 B. 1. For the 2025-2026 school year, each school district
8 board of education shall adopt a policy prohibiting students from
9 using cell phones and personal electronic devices while on the
10 campus of a public school district from bell to bell. The policy
11 shall include disciplinary procedures for violations.

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

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

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

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

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

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