

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 139

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring school district  
8 boards of education to adopt a policy prohibiting use  
9 of cell phones while on campus during certain time  
10 period; defining term; directing policy to contain  
11 disciplinary procedures; allowing policy to include  
12 certain exceptions; directing the State Department of  
13 Education to establish certain grant program;  
14 directing certain amount to be made available in  
15 grants, subject to availability of funding;  
16 prescribing use of grant funds; directing grant  
17 applications to be submitted on certain form;  
18 providing for contents of application; directing  
19 grants to be awarded on certain basis; allowing the  
20 State Board of Education, in certain conjunction, to  
21 issue a request for proposals and enter into certain  
22 contract; providing for codification; providing an  
23 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

28 A. Each school district board of education shall adopt a policy  
29 prohibiting students from using cell phones while on the campus of a  
30 public school district from bell to bell. For the purposes of this  
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1 section, "bell to bell" means the time between the first bell  
2 ringing at the start of the school day to begin instructional time  
3 until the dismissal bell at the end of the school day to end  
4 instructional time. The policy shall include disciplinary  
5 procedures for violations.

6 B. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection A of this section  
7 may provide for exceptions including, but not be limited to:

8 1. Emergency use of cell phones by students during the school  
9 day; and

10 2. Use of cell phones by students who use them to monitor  
11 health issues.

12 C. 1. The State Department of Education shall establish a  
13 grant program to provide middle schools and high schools with grant  
14 funds to support implementation of the policies adopted pursuant to  
15 subsection A of this section. Subject to the availability of  
16 funding, not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be  
17 made available to middle schools and high schools to purchase  
18 devices or equipment in which students in a grant recipient middle  
19 school or high school can store their cell phones during the school  
20 day.

21 2. Middle schools and high schools shall submit grant  
22 applications on a form prescribed by the Department. The grant  
23 application shall include the grant amount requested and the purpose  
24 for which the grant funds are to be used.

1           3. Grant funds shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served  
2 basis and shall be provided without any limitation other than the  
3 amount of funds available and the number of middle schools and high  
4 schools that apply.

5           4. In conjunction with the Office of Management and Enterprise  
6 Services, the State Board of Education may issue a request for  
7 proposals and enter into a contract with a vendor to offer a state  
8 rate price to grant recipient middle schools and high schools;  
9 provided, however, a grant recipient middle school or high school  
10 shall not be required to use a vendor contracted by the Board.

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

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

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