

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 139

3 By: Seifried and Bergstrom of  
4 the Senate

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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  
prohibiting use of cell phones and personal  
electronic devices while on campus during certain  
time period for certain school year; allowing such a  
policy beginning in certain school year; directing  
policy to contain disciplinary procedures; allowing  
policy to include certain exceptions; providing for  
codification; providing an effective date; and  
declaring an emergency.

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

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

18 A. As used in this section:

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

23 2. "Personal electronic device" means a personal device capable  
24 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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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2025.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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9 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
10 2025.

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