

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1276

3 By: Caldwell (Chad), Lowe  
4 (Dick), Moore, and Burns of  
the House

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6 Seifried of the Senate

7 An Act relating to schools; requiring district boards  
8 of education to adopt a policy prohibiting student  
9 cell phone and personal electronic device use under  
10 certain circumstances; requiring exceptions for  
11 emergencies; allowing board approval to opt out of  
prohibition; requiring annual approval of alternative  
policies; defining terms; 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 24-162 of Title 70, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Before the start of the 2025-2026 school year, each school  
19 district board of education shall adopt a policy to prohibit the use  
20 of cell phones and personal electronic devices by students enrolled  
21 in the district during the entirety of the school day and while  
22 present on school grounds.

23 B. District policies described in subsection A of this section  
24 shall incorporate provisions for emergency use including, but not

1 limited to, use to support medical issues documented by a licensed  
2 medical professional.

3 C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a school  
4 district board of education may vote to adopt a policy allowing  
5 student cell phone or personal electronic device usage during the  
6 school day. Any such policy shall be reviewed and approved by the  
7 district board on an annual basis.

8 D. For purposes of this section:

9 1. "Cell phone" means a portable wireless telephone device that  
10 is designed to send or receive transmissions through a cellular  
11 radiotelephone service;

12 2. "Personal electronic device" means any personal device  
13 capable of connecting to a smart phone, the Internet, a cellular or  
14 Wi-Fi network, or directly connecting to another similar device.

15 Personal electronic devices include, but are not limited to, smart  
16 watches, smart headphones, laptops, tablets, and smart glasses.

17 Personal electronic devices shall not include devices that are  
18 school-issued or school-approved and specifically limited for use in  
19 classroom instruction; and

20 3. "School day" means the entirety of the day, from the first  
21 bell indicating the beginning of classroom instruction through the  
22 final bell indicating the end of classroom instruction.

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 House of Representatives the 13th day of February,  
6 2025.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives

11 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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