

HB 408 -- RESTRICTS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOL

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This bill will require school districts to adopt a written policy on electronic telecommunication devices beginning in the 2025-26 school year. The requirements of the policy are specified and include prohibiting student use of cell phone and smart watches during regularly scheduled instructional activities unless authorized by the school principal. Exceptions are provided for students with documented needs and for health purposes.

The policy also must provide guidelines and requirements for electronic telecommunication devices during noninstructional school activities, including school-sponsored field trips and during transportation.