

# SENATE BILL 112

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By: **Senator Salling**

Requested: September 27, 2023

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Boards of Education – Student Cellular Phone Use – Policy Required**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring county boards of education to develop and adopt a policy that  
4 prohibits students from using a cellular phone during instructional time except  
5 under certain circumstances; exempting a county board that has an existing policy  
6 on the student use of cellular phones during school hours from the requirement to  
7 develop and adopt a new policy; and generally relating to county boards of education  
8 and student cellular phone use policy.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 4–142

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **4–142.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COUNTY BOARD THAT HAS AN**  
19 **EXISTING POLICY ON THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES BY STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL**  
20 **HOURS.**

21 **(B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT A POLICY THAT**  
22 **PROHIBITS A STUDENT FROM USING A CELLULAR PHONE DURING INSTRUCTIONAL**  
23 **TIME UNLESS A TEACHER EXPRESSLY DIRECTS THE STUDENT TO USE A CELLULAR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **PHONE FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.**

2           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
3 1, 2024.