

HB0147/713221/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 147
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and substitute:

“Education – Student Personal Electronic Device Use Policy – Required”;

strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “hours” in line 11 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for a policy on student use of personal electronic devices during school hours; requiring county boards of education, in consultation with students, parents, teachers, and school personnel, to develop and adopt a policy that limits students from using personal electronic devices during school hours except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to county boards of education and a personal electronic device use policy for students”; and in line 14, strike “7–136” and substitute “4–147”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike “7–136.” and substitute “4–147.”; in line 4, strike “SMARTGLASSES” and substitute “ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS CAPABLE OF CONNECTING TO A SMARTPHONE OR A CELLULAR OR WI-FI NETWORK”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 20, inclusive, and substitute:

“(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR A POLICY ON STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING SCHOOL HOURS, INCLUDING:

(1) MODEL POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNTY BOARDS TO USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY;

(2) CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS;

(3) CONSIDERATIONS FOR LEGAL EXEMPTIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS; AND

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, MAY PERIODICALLY UPDATE THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

(1) COLLECT INFORMATION ON EACH COUNTY BOARD'S PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE POLICY; AND

(2) USE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES AND INFORM THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES.

(D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL, SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT A POLICY THAT LIMITS A STUDENT FROM USING A PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

(2) THE POLICY ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

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(I) PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS;

in lines 21, 23, and 25, strike “**(1)**”, “**(2)**”, and “**(3)**”, respectively, and substitute “**1.**”, “**2.**”, and “**3.**”, respectively; in line 26, strike the period and substitute a semicolon; and strike lines 27 through 30 in their entirety and substitute:

“(II) BE PRINTED IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK;

(III) BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL STAFF AND PERSONNEL; AND

(IV) BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED EVERY 2 YEARS.”