

HOUSE BILL No. 2641

By Committee on Education

Requested by Representative Hill

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring
2 boards of education of school districts to adopt policies and procedures
3 to prohibit students' use of privately owned electronic communication
4 devices during school hours; allowing the use under certain
5 circumstances.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) Each board of education of a school district shall adopt
9 policies and procedures to govern the use of privately owned electronic
10 communication devices. Such policies and procedures shall:

11 (1) Prohibit students from using any privately owned electronic
12 communication device at school during the normal hours of the school
13 day, including during passing periods and in the classroom;

14 (2) set forth disciplinary actions and consequences that may occur if a
15 student violates such policies and procedures; and

16 (3) authorize a student to use a privately owned electronic
17 communication device during the normal hours of a school day only if the
18 use is:

19 (A) Required for the implementation of a student's individualized
20 education program;

21 (B) authorized by a teacher or administrator for educational purposes,
22 except that such use shall not be authorized as part of a classroom reward
23 or free time; or

24 (C) pre-approved on an individual student basis by a teacher or
25 administrator due to health concerns, emergency concerns or other special
26 circumstances.

27 (b) As used in this section, "privately owned electronic
28 communication device" means any wireless electronic communication
29 device that:

30 (1) Provides for voice, text or video communication between two or
31 more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or cellular phone,
32 tablet, computer, watch, text messaging device or personal digital
33 assistant; and

34 (2) is not owned or issued to students by the school district or school.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.