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HB 2421 Requires school districts to ban personal electronic devices during school hours, restrict employee-student communication via social media for official purposes, and mandate reporting on students' screen time throughout the school day.

Neutral - In-person  
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Thank you, chairwoman and committee. My name is Tessa Stoner, and I am representing Turner High School and I stand neutral. To re-cap the points made by my peers, we as a group of students from Turner High School agree there needs to be restrictions on phones in schools to have a focus on instruction in class. We truly believe each district knows what is best for their students, which is to focus in class without the distraction of phones and technology. The Turner District has done an incredible job with its recent phone ban and how it is implemented. Taking away phones and technology, all together will take away student's personal privacy and need for information from family in case of an emergency. Many families in Turner rely on the student's job to make ends meet so having a connection to that job about scheduling for the day will be affected. Schools will be hit by the cost of the lockable pouches and that funding can be used for other school necessities. Taxpayers' dollars will be going to the time it takes every day for staff members to monitor the collection of student devices. It also can make the school liable for damage or lost items. With the help of our schools, us as students need to develop the skill of patience and accountability for our belongings just as an adult would during business hours. Once again, Turner has done an amazing job at their policy since it adapts to the students of Turner. Leaving it up to districts allows the bill to be personalized for the needs of the students not the state.

Thank you

I stand for questions