



Kansas Family Voice Testimony H.B. 2421
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Chairwoman Estes and members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney and the President of Kansas Family Voice. We represent thousands of members in Kansas who recognize both how harmful technology can be to children and that the government functions best when it is limited. The government ought to refrain from using its regulatory power against private education.

This is why we oppose adding private accredited institutions to H.B. 2421. We are not opposed to the majority of the bill. However, we are strongly opposed to the inclusion of private schools. Our organization regularly opposes adding government mandates to private schools.

As of this year, there are many states that have implemented cell phone bans or policies within their public schools, but based on our research, the only state that comes close to applying this regulation to private schools is Vermont.¹ Because of the rural nature of Vermont these schools operate very differently than accredited private schools in Kansas. Either way, Vermont has very little in common with Kansas, and we should not follow this policy decision.

Both families and students who attend private schools or are homeschooled often express their concerns about government regulation. It is no secret that often the intended purpose of utilizing private schools or homeschooling is to be free from government regulation. By including accredited private schools in this bill, you are essentially confirming many fears about what the government will do when given the power to regulate accredited private schools for things that do not threaten public safety and have nothing to do with the curriculum itself.

Some accredited private schools may support this bill, but they do so without the understanding the unintended consequences. While items of public safety may be regulated, like guns, knives, or any other deadly tool, extending such regulation to cell-phone use opens the door for government regulation in these accredited private schools.

While I sympathize and understand where these accredited private schools are coming from, they are capable of implementing these policies themselves, while also protecting their sovereignty from the regulation of the state government.

I thank you for your attention to our concern and strongly ask that when the Committee works this bill, it removes accredited private schools from H.B. 2421.

¹ VT H 480 (2025) <https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2026/H.480>.