

Sen. Carson, Dist 14
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Amendment to HB 2-FN-A-LOCAL

1 1 New Paragraph; Cell Phone Use Policy. Amend RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV
2 the following new paragraph:

3 V. School boards and the board of trustees of chartered public schools shall develop and
4 adopt a policy governing the use of student cell phones and other personal electronic communication
5 devices in schools. Such policy shall prohibit all personal communication device use by students
6 from when the first bell rings to start instructional time until the dismissal bell rings to end the
7 academic school day, with approved exceptions determined by the superintendent or their designee
8 with respect to student medical, disability, or language proficiency need. Such policy shall be
9 developed in collaboration with school parents and teachers and shall be reviewed annually. School
10 district and chartered public school policies shall not prohibit students with medical needs, such as
11 insulin pumps and glucose sensors, or disabilities from using a device to support their learning as
12 identified by their individualized education program (IEP), plan developed under Section 504 of the
13 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 794, or when required to support emergent multilingual
14 students with appropriate language access programs and services pursuant to Title VI of the Civil
15 Rights Act of 1964.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

Add:

1. Requiring school districts and chartered public schools to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education.