

HB 131 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **131**

AN ACT requiring school boards to develop and enact policies regarding personal cell phone use in schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Drye, Sull. 7; Rep. Noble, Hills. 2; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7; Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. Weyler, Rock. 14; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. Kofalt, Hills. 32; Rep. S. Smith, Sull. 3; Sen. Ward, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Education Policy and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill requires school districts to adopt policies governing student cell phone use in schools.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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 shall develop and adopt a policy governing student cell phone use in
4 schools. Such policy shall restrict the use of student personal cell phones during class instruction
5 without educator approval. Districts are encouraged to consider exceptions to student use during
6 instruction when an educator is using devices as part of a lesson plan. School district policies shall
7 not prohibit students with disabilities from using a device to support their learning as identified by
8 their individualized education program (IEP) or 504 plan.

9 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.