

SB 206-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2025 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **206-FN**

AN ACT requiring public schools to adopt policies to limit the use of cell phones by students.

SPONSORS: Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23

COMMITTEE: Education

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 prohibit personal device use by students during the school day and be
5 implemented school-wide, with approved exceptions determined by student medical, disability or
6 language proficiency need. Such policy shall be developed in collaboration with any applicable local
7 educator associations and school district parents and shall be reviewed and updated annually.
8 School district policies shall not prohibit students with disabilities from using a device to support
9 their learning as identified by their individualized education program (IEP), plan developed under
10 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C 794, or when required to support emergent
11 multilingual students with appropriate language access programs and services pursuant to Title VI
12 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**SB 206-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated Political Subdivision Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable		

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, assumed to be effective for the 2025-2026 school year, requires public schools to adopt policies to limit the use of smartphones by students. Costs associated with this bill, if any, are indeterminable and would vary from district to district.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

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