

Amendment to SB 206-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT requiring school districts and chartered public schools to adopt policies establishing a
4 cell phone-free education.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 1 New Paragraph; Cell Phone Use Policy. Amend RSA 189:1-a by inserting after paragraph IV
9 the following new paragraph:

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

23 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requiring school districts and chartered public schools to adopt policies establishing a cell phone-free education.