

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 640

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HENDERSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student electronic personal communications device usage.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.207, to read as follows:

162.207. 1. For the 2026-27 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district and charter school governing board shall adopt a written policy governing a student's possession or use of an electronic personal communications device. Such school district or governing board shall develop and design such policy to promote the educational interests of students and to provide a safe and effective working environment for school employees and volunteers.

2. Such policy shall, at a minimum:

(1) Prohibit a student from displaying or using an electronic personal communications device during regularly scheduled instructional activities;

(2) Describe the disciplinary procedures and measures that will be taken if a student violates the policy; and

(3) Provide exceptions to the prohibition that allow the display and use of an electronic personal communications device by a student:

- 19 (a) In the case of an emergency;
- 20 (b) When directed to use such device by a school
21 employee or volunteer for an instructional purpose; and
- 22 (c) When authorized by the following federal acts or
23 their successor acts:
- 24 a. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
25 (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq., as amended;
- 26 b. The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C.
27 Section 12101, et seq., as amended; or
- 28 c. The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section
29 701, et seq., as amended.
- 30 3. Each school district and charter school governing
31 board shall publish the policy on such district's or charter
32 school's website.
- 33 4. A school district or charter school employee or
34 volunteer shall be held harmless and immune from any
35 liability for actions taken under this section if such
36 employee or volunteer acts in good faith and follows the
37 proper disciplinary procedures and measures adopted under
38 this section by the school board or charter school governing
39 board.

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