

**SENATE BILL No. 154**

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring  
2 boards of education of school districts to adopt policies and procedures  
3 to prohibit students from using privately owned electronic  
4 communication devices during school hours; authorizing such uses  
5 under limited circumstances; requiring school districts to adopt policies  
6 and procedures to prohibit students from using school district  
7 computers or devices to access social media platforms.  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. (a) Each board of education of a school district shall adopt  
11 policies and procedures to govern the use of privately owned electronic  
12 communication devices. Such policies and procedures shall:

13 (1) Prohibit students from using any privately owned electronic  
14 communication device at school during the normal hours of the school  
15 day, including during passing periods and in the classroom;

16 (2) set forth disciplinary actions and consequences that may occur if a  
17 student violates such policies and procedures; and

18 (3) authorize a student to use a privately owned electronic  
19 communication device during the normal hours of a school day only if the  
20 use is:

21 (A) Required for the implementation of a student's individualized  
22 education program or 504 plan;

23 (B) authorized by a teacher or administrator for educational purposes,  
24 except that such use shall not be authorized as part of a classroom reward  
25 or free time; or

26 (C) pre-approved on an individual student basis by a teacher or  
27 administrator due to health concerns, emergency concerns or other special  
28 circumstances.

29 (b) Each school district board of education shall adopt policies and  
30 procedures to prohibit students from using school computers and devices  
31 to access any social media platform.

32 (c) As used in this section:

33 (1) "Privately owned electronic communication device" means any  
34 wireless electronic communication device that:

35 (A) Provides for voice, text or video communication between two or  
36 more parties, including, but not limited to, a mobile or cellular phone,

1 tablet, computer, watch, text messaging device or personal digital  
2 assistant; and

3 (B) is not owned or issued to students by the school district or school.

4 (2) "Social media platform" means a website, application or other  
5 internet medium that:

6 (A) Permits a person to become a registered user, establish an  
7 account, or create a profile for the purpose of allowing the person to  
8 create, share and view user-generated content through such account or  
9 profile; and

10 (B) primarily serves as a medium for users to interact with content  
11 generated by other users of the medium.

12 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
13 publication in the statute book.