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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2427

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2427 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.88, 27A-5.3, and 34-18.14a as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.88 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.88. Wireless communication device policy.

8 (a) As used in this Section:

9 "Instructional time" means the time during a school day
10 students spend learning and participating in school
11 activities. "Instructional time" does not include recess,
12 passing time, or lunch time.

13 "Wireless communication device" means any portable
14 wireless device that has the capability to provide voice,
15 messaging, or other data communication between 2 or more
16 parties, including, but not limited to:

1 (1) cellular telephones;

2 (2) tablet computers;

3 (3) laptop computers;

4 (4) gaming devices; and

5 (5) wearable devices, including smart watches or smart
6 glasses.

7 "Wireless communication device" does not include any device
8 that a school district or teacher has directly issued to,
9 provided for, or required a student to possess and use for
10 educational purposes during instructional time.

11 (b) On or before the 2026-2027 school year, each school
12 board shall adopt and implement a wireless communication
13 device policy that:

14 (1) at a minimum, prohibits a student from using a
15 wireless communication device during instructional time,
16 except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d);
17 and

18 (2) incorporates guidance for secure and accessible
19 storage of wireless devices during instructional time or
20 directs the district superintendent or his or her designee
21 to provide such guidance. However, this paragraph (2) does
22 not preclude a school district from prohibiting the use or
23 possession of wireless communication devices for students
24 not meeting one of the exceptions set forth in subsection
25 (c) or (d).

26 (c) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection

1 (b) may not prohibit a student from using a wireless
2 communication device during instructional time under the
3 following circumstances:

4 (1) if a licensed physician determines that the
5 possession or use of a wireless communication device is
6 necessary for the health or well-being of the student and
7 the student uses the wireless communication device as
8 prescribed by the licensed physician;

9 (2) to fulfill an individualized education program or
10 a plan developed under Section 504 of the federal
11 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or

12 (3) if the wireless communication device is necessary
13 for students who are English learners, as defined in
14 Section 14C-2 of this Code, to access learning materials.

15 (d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection
16 (b) may allow for the following exceptions:

17 (1) if school personnel have authorized the student to
18 use a wireless communication device for educational
19 purposes; and

20 (2) in the event of an emergency as detailed in at
21 least one of the school district's emergency and crises
22 response plans, protocols, or procedures.

23 (e) No school district may enforce the wireless
24 communication device policy through fees, fines, or the
25 deployment of a school resource officer or local law
26 enforcement officer.

1 (f) Each school board shall review its wireless
2 communication device policy at least once every 3 years and
3 make any necessary and appropriate revisions to the policy.

4 (g) A school district shall publicly post the policy
5 adopted and implemented under subsection (b) on its website.
6 If the school district does not operate a website, then the
7 school district shall provide a copy of the policy adopted and
8 implemented under subsection (b) to the parents or guardians
9 of every student enrolled in the school district.

10 (105 ILCS 5/27A-5.3 new)

11 Sec. 27A-5.3. Wireless communication device policy.

12 (a) As used in this Section:

13 "Instructional time" means the time during a school day
14 students spend learning and participating in school
15 activities. "Instructional time" does not include recess,
16 passing time, or lunch time.

17 "Wireless communication device" means any portable
18 wireless device that has the capability to provide voice,
19 messaging, or other data communication between 2 or more
20 parties, including, but not limited to:

21 (1) cellular telephones;

22 (2) tablet computers;

23 (3) laptop computers;

24 (4) gaming devices; and

25 (5) wearable devices, including smart watches or smart

1 glasses.

2 "Wireless communication device" does not include any device
3 that a charter school or teacher has directly issued to,
4 provided for, or required a student to possess and use for
5 educational purposes during instructional time.

6 (b) Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each charter
7 school shall adopt and implement a wireless communication
8 device policy that:

9 (1) at a minimum, prohibits a student from using a
10 wireless communication device during instructional time,
11 except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d);
12 and

13 (2) incorporates guidance for secure and accessible
14 storage of wireless devices during instructional time.
15 However, this paragraph (2) does not preclude a charter
16 school from prohibiting the use or possession of wireless
17 communication devices for students not meeting one of the
18 exceptions set forth in subsection (c) or (d).

19 (c) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection
20 (b) may not prohibit a student from using a wireless
21 communication device during instructional time under the
22 following circumstances:

23 (1) if a licensed physician determines that the
24 possession or use of a wireless communication device is
25 necessary for the health or well-being of the student and
26 the student uses the wireless communication device as

1 prescribed by the licensed physician;

2 (2) to fulfill an individualized education program or
3 a plan developed under Section 504 of the federal
4 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or

5 (3) if the wireless communication device is necessary
6 for students who are English learners, as defined in
7 Section 14C-2 of this Code, to access learning materials.

8 (d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection
9 (b) may allow for the following exceptions:

10 (1) if school personnel have authorized the student to
11 use a wireless communication device for educational
12 purposes; and

13 (2) in the event of an emergency as detailed in at
14 least one of the charter school's emergency and crises
15 response plans, protocols, or procedures.

16 (e) No charter school may enforce the wireless
17 communication device policy through fees, fines, or the
18 deployment of a school resource officer or local law
19 enforcement officer.

20 (f) A charter school shall review its wireless
21 communication device policy at least once every 3 years and
22 make any necessary and appropriate revisions to the policy.

23 (g) A charter school shall publicly post the policy
24 adopted and implemented under subsection (b) on its website.
25 If the charter school does not operate a website, then the
26 charter school shall provide a copy of the policy adopted and

1 implemented under subsection (b) to the parents or guardians
2 of every student enrolled in the charter school.

3 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.14a new)

4 Sec. 34-18.14a. Wireless communication device policy.

5 (a) As used in this Section:

6 "Instructional time" means the time during a school day
7 students spend learning and participating in school
8 activities. "Instructional time" does not include recess,
9 passing time, or lunch time.

10 "Wireless communication device" means any portable
11 wireless device that has the capability to provide voice,
12 messaging, or other data communication between 2 or more
13 parties, including, but not limited to:

14 (1) cellular telephones;

15 (2) tablet computers;

16 (3) laptop computers;

17 (4) gaming devices; and

18 (5) wearable devices, including smart watches or smart
19 glasses.

20 "Wireless communication device" does not include any device
21 that the school district or teacher has directly issued to,
22 provided for, or required a student to possess and use for
23 educational purposes during instructional time.

24 (b) On or before the 2026-2027 school year, the board
25 shall adopt and implement a wireless communication device

1 policy that:

2 (1) at a minimum, prohibits a student from using a
3 wireless communication device during instructional time,
4 except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d);
5 and

6 (2) incorporates guidance for secure and accessible
7 storage of wireless devices during instructional time or
8 directs the general superintendent of schools or his or
9 her designee to provide such guidance. However, this
10 paragraph (2) does not preclude the school district from
11 prohibiting the use or possession of wireless
12 communication devices for students not meeting one of the
13 exceptions set forth in subsection (c) or (d).

14 (c) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection
15 (b) may not prohibit a student from using a wireless
16 communication device during instructional time under the
17 following circumstances:

18 (1) if a licensed physician determines that the
19 possession or use of a wireless communication device is
20 necessary for the health or well-being of the student and
21 the student uses the wireless communication device as
22 prescribed by the licensed physician;

23 (2) to fulfill an individualized education program or
24 a plan developed under Section 504 of the federal
25 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or

26 (3) if the wireless communication device is necessary

1 for students who are English learners, as defined in
2 Section 14C-2 of this Code, to access learning materials.

3 (d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection
4 (b) may allow for the following exceptions:

5 (1) if school personnel have authorized the student to
6 use a wireless communication device for educational
7 purposes; and

8 (2) in the event of an emergency as detailed in at
9 least one of the school district's emergency and crises
10 response plans, protocols, or procedures.

11 (e) The school district may not enforce the wireless
12 communication device policy through fees, fines, or the
13 deployment of a school resource officer or local law
14 enforcement officer.

15 (f) The board shall review its wireless communication
16 device policy at least once every 3 years and make any
17 necessary and appropriate revisions to the policy.

18 (g) The school district shall publicly post the policy
19 adopted and implemented under subsection (b) on its website."