

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE ZACK FIELDS

Fairview • South Addition • Forest Park • Downtown • North Star

HB 57 Version I - Sectional Analysis

Section 1. Amends AS 14.33 by adding a new section:

- (a) Requires the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to develop and adopt a model policy prohibiting the use of personal cellphones for the entire duration of the school day. This policy may allow exceptions for medical purposes, emergencies, or for educational purposes when allowed by a teacher or administrator.
- (b) Adds language requiring each school district to adopt a policy prohibiting students from possessing and using personal cellphones during school hours and may allow for exceptions for medical purposes, emergencies, or for educational purposes when allowed by a teacher or administrator. The district may adopt its own policy or adopt the model policy under (a).
- (c) Clarifies the privacy rights of students with regards to their personal telecommunication devices.
- (d) Defines “wireless telecommunication device.”

Section 2: This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.