

Fiscal Note

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Title: COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
Sponsor: FIELDS
Requester: (H) Labor and Commerce

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/25

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation directs the department to develop a model policy relating to cell phone use in schools during school hours, that include lunch and passing periods. The restriction applies to personal wireless devices with a possible exception for emergency use.

During the October 8-9, 2024, State Board of Education Meeting, the board passed a resolution (item 12 on the agenda) regarding cell phone use in schools during the school day. The department was directed to create a model policy restricting the use of personal devices during the school day. The draft model policy was presented to the board during the January 22, 2025, meeting.

While there are costs associated with the development of regulations, these costs can be absorbed at this time. Should these costs increase beyond the departments budgeted authority, funding may be requested at a future date.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2025 (FY2026).