

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 18  
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Identifier: SB018-EED-SSA-3-07-25  
Title: COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS  
Sponsor: WIELECHOWSKI  
Requester: (S) Education

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							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/25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 hour, 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 department's budgeted authority, funding may be requested at a future date.

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