

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(EDC) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/11/24

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 5. Wireless Telecommunications Devices.**

6 **Sec. 14.33.300. Wireless telecommunications device policy.** (a) Each school
7 district shall adopt a policy that regulates the possession and use of nonschool-issued
8 wireless telecommunications devices during regular school hours, including lunch and
9 passing periods. Each school district shall share this policy with parents or guardians,
10 students, volunteers, and school employees. If a school district's policy prohibits the
11 use of nonschool-issued wireless telecommunications devices, the policy must allow
12 exceptions for students to use a wireless telecommunications device for medical or
13 translation purposes, in the event of an emergency, or when a teacher or administrator
14 of the school grants permission to a student to use a wireless telecommunications

1 device for educational purposes.

2 (b) This section does not authorize a person to monitor, collect, or access
3 information related to a student's use of a wireless telecommunications device.

4 (c) In this section, "wireless telecommunications device" means any portable
5 wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data
6 communication between two or more parties.

7 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.