

SENATE BILL NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/22/25

Referred: Education

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) The
7 department shall develop and adopt a model policy that prohibits the use of nonschool-
8 issued wireless telecommunications devices in public schools during regular school
9 hours, including lunch and passing periods. The policy may allow an exception for
10 students to use a wireless telecommunications device for emergency purposes.

11 (b) Each school district shall adopt a policy that prohibits students from
12 possessing or using a nonschool-issued wireless telecommunications device during
13 regular school hours, including lunch and passing periods. Each school district shall
14 share this policy with parents or guardians, students, volunteers, and school

1 employees. The policy may allow an exception for students to use a wireless
2 telecommunications device for emergency purposes. A school district may either
3 develop and adopt its own policy or adopt the model policy developed under (a) of this
4 section.

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

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