SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4141

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "The revised school code,"

(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1303a; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1303a. (1) Subject to subsection (3), the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall implement a wireless communications device policy for students who are enrolled in elementary school or middle school that prohibits those students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds during all of the following, as applicable:

(a) Instructional time.



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- 1 (b) Breaks between instructional time.
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- 3 (d) Recess.
 - (2) The board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy shall implement a wireless communications device policy for students who are enrolled in high school that prohibits those students from using a wireless communications device on school grounds during instructional time.
- 9 (3) If a school enrolls students from multiple grade levels as
 10 described in subsections (1) and (2), that school satisfies the
 11 requirements of this section by implementing a wireless
 12 communications device policy that prohibits students from using a
 13 wireless communications device on school grounds during
 14 instructional time.
 - (4) The board of a school district or the board of directors of a public school academy may implement additional restrictions regarding the use of wireless communications devices.
 - (5) A wireless communications device policy implemented under this section must provide exemptions for all of the following:
 - (a) Medically necessary devices.
 - (b) District-owned devices, including, but not limited to, school-issued tablets and laptops.
 - (c) Devices designated by the district to be used for instructional purposes.
 - (d) Devices used for special education programming or devices provided as an accommodation to students as required under section 504 of title V of the rehabilitation act of 1973, 29 USC 794.
- 28 (e) Lesson-specific academic assignments, at the limited and direct discretion of a classroom teacher.

(6) As used in this section:

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- (a) "Basic telephone" means a device primarily used for voice calling that cannot support third-party applications, except those preinstalled, and does not support access to internet platforms via applications or web browsers.
- (b) "School grounds" means a building, playing field, or property used for school purposes to impart instruction to children or used for functions and events sponsored by a school. School grounds does not include a building used primarily for adult education or college extension courses.
- (c) "Wireless communications device" means an electronic device capable of, but not limited to, text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the internet, sending and receiving photos and videos, or producing email.

 Wireless communications device does not include a basic telephone.
- Enacting section 1. Section 1303 of the revised school code, 17 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1303, is repealed.

