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## BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 234 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Dayna Polehanki  
Committee: Education

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy to create, implement, and enforce a policy seeking to limit student cellphone use at its schools, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Proposed MCL 380.1304

**BRIEF RATIONALE**

Many K-12 students carry technology into the classroom; however, phones, tablets, and smartwatches may distract students from their education. According to a recent survey conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), more than two-thirds of public school leaders felt that cellphones had negatively affected their students' mental health (72%) and attention spans (73%). Fifty-three percent responded that cellphone usage hampered their students' academic performance overall.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, it has been suggested that students' access to cellphones and other wireless technologies be limited while in school.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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<sup>1</sup> Josue De La Rosa, "More than Half of Public School Leaders Say Cell Phones Hurt Academic Performance", *NCES*, February 19, 2025.