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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education (Burgess)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 272 and 273
insert:

Section 8. (1) The Commissioner of Education shall
coordinate with six districts selected by the Department of
Education which represent two small, two medium, and two large
counties that currently implement, or will implement in the
2025-2026 school year, a policy that prohibits the use of cell
phones and other personal electronic devices by students during



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the entire school day, while on school grounds, or while engaged in school activities off school grounds during the school day. The department shall provide a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives before December 1, 2026, summarizing the effect of each district policy on student achievement and behavior. The report must also include a model policy that school districts and charter schools may adopt.

(2) The report and model policy must address the authorized use of cell phones or other electronic devices during the school day by students:

(a) With disabilities or who are English Language Learners who may need such electronic devices to access curriculum or other required activities.

(b) When necessary for health reasons, for emergency medical issues, or for natural or manmade disasters.

(c) On school buses, before or after school hours.

(d) Engaged in extracurricular activities outside of the school day.

(3) The report must also include student code of conduct provisions for violations of the policy restricting the use of cell phones and other electronic devices, including, but not limited to, those violations that:

(a) Constitute illegal behavior and may result in a referral to law enforcement.

(b) Facilitate bullying, harassing, or threatening other students.

(c) Facilitate cheating or otherwise violating a school's policy for academic integrity.



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40 (d) Capture or display any picture or video of any student
41 during a medical issue or engaged in misconduct.

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44 And the title is amended as follows:

45 Delete line 27

46 and insert:

47 insurance; requiring the Commissioner of Education to
48 coordinate with school districts selected by the
49 Department of Education to implement a policy for a
50 specified school year prohibiting the use of cell
51 phones while on school grounds or engaged in certain
52 activities off school grounds; requiring the
53 department to provide a report to the Legislature
54 before a specified date; providing requirements for
55 the report; requiring that the report include a model
56 policy that school districts and charter schools may
57 adopt; requiring that the report and model policy
58 address the authorized use of cell phones and
59 electronic devices during the school day by certain
60 students; requiring that the report include specified
61 student code of conduct provisions; providing an
62 effective date.