

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to wireless communications devices on
3 school grounds; amending s. 1003.32, F.S.; conforming
4 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.
5 1006.07, F.S.; prohibiting students from using
6 wireless communications devices during the school day,
7 rather than during instructional time; requiring
8 district school boards to adopt rules for the use of
9 such devices in certain locations or by certain
10 students; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
15 1003.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1003.32 Authority of teacher; responsibility for control
17 of students; district school board and principal duties.—Subject
18 to law and to the rules of the district school board, each
19 teacher or other member of the staff of any school shall have
20 such authority for the control and discipline of students as may
21 be assigned to him or her by the principal or the principal's
22 designated representative and shall keep good order in the
23 classroom and in other places in which he or she is assigned to
24 be in charge of students.

25 (1) In accordance with this section and within the

26 | framework of the district school board's code of student
27 | conduct, teachers and other instructional personnel shall have
28 | the authority to undertake any of the following actions in
29 | managing student behavior and ensuring the safety of all
30 | students in their classes and school and their opportunity to
31 | learn in an orderly and disciplined classroom:

32 | (a) Establish classroom rules of conduct, ~~including~~
33 | ~~designating an area for wireless communications devices during~~
34 | ~~instructional time.~~

35 | Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section
36 | 1006.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 | 1006.07 District school board duties relating to student
38 | discipline and school safety.—The district school board shall
39 | provide for the proper accounting for all students, for the
40 | attendance and control of students at school, and for proper
41 | attention to health, safety, and other matters relating to the
42 | welfare of students, including:

43 | (2) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT.—Adopt a code of student
44 | conduct for elementary schools and a code of student conduct for
45 | middle and high schools and distribute the appropriate code to
46 | all teachers, school personnel, students, and parents, at the
47 | beginning of every school year. Each code shall be organized and
48 | written in language that is understandable to students and
49 | parents and shall be discussed at the beginning of every school
50 | year in student classes, school advisory council meetings, and

51 parent and teacher association or organization meetings. Each
52 code shall be based on the rules governing student conduct and
53 discipline adopted by the district school board and shall be
54 made available in the student handbook or similar publication.
55 Each code shall include, but is not limited to:

56 (f) Notice that use of a wireless communications device
57 includes the possibility of the imposition of disciplinary
58 action by the school or criminal penalties if the device is used
59 in a criminal act. A student may possess a wireless
60 communications device while the student is on school property or
61 in attendance at a school function; however, a student may not
62 use a wireless communications device during the school day
63 ~~instructional time, except when expressly directed by a teacher~~
64 ~~solely for educational purposes. A teacher shall designate an~~
65 ~~area for wireless communications devices during instructional~~
66 ~~time.~~ Each district school board shall adopt rules governing the
67 use of a wireless communications device by a student while the
68 student is on school property or in attendance at a school
69 function, including rules:

70 1. Designating locations within school buildings where a
71 student may use his or her wireless communications device with
72 the express permission of a school administrator.

73 2. Allowing the use of a wireless communications device by
74 a student during the school day in accordance with:

75 a. The student's individualized education plan;

76 b. The student's 504 accommodation plan issued under s.
77 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; or

78 c. A doctor's note from a physician licensed under chapter
79 458 or chapter 459 certifying in writing that the student
80 requires the use of a wireless communications device based upon
81 valid clinical reasoning or evidence.

82 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.