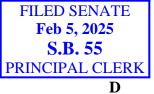
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2025



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SENATE BILL DRS15021-NH-19

	Short Title:	Student Use of Wireless Communication Devices. (Public)	
-	Sponsors:	Senators Lee, Burgin, and Barnes (Primary Sponsors).	
-	Referred to:		
1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
2 3		TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS NICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.	
4		Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
5	SECTION 1. Article 7B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by		
6	adding a new		
7	U	"Part 8. Miscellaneous Requirements.	
8	"§ 115C-76.100. Regulation of wireless communication devices.		
9		e following definitions apply in this section:	
10	<u>(1)</u>	Wireless communication device Any portable wireless device that has the	
11		capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between	
12		two or more parties, including the following:	
13		<u>a.</u> <u>Cellular telephones.</u>	
14		b. <u>Tablet computers.</u>	
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16		<u>c.</u> <u>Laptop computers.</u> <u>d.</u> <u>Paging devices.</u>	
17		e. <u>Two-way radios.</u> f. Gaming devices.	
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19	<u>(2)</u>	Wireless communication policy. – A policy governing the use of wireless	
20		communication devices by students.	
21		e governing body of a public school unit shall establish a wireless communication	
22	policy. At a r	ninimum, except as permitted in subsection (c) of this section, the policy shall	
23	prohibit stude	nts from using, displaying, or having a wireless communication device turned on	
24	during instruc		
25		wireless communication policy shall allow student use of a wireless communication	
26		instructional time as follows:	
27	<u>(1)</u>		
28		an emergency. The governing body may establish parameters to be followed	
29		by a teacher in granting authorizations.	
30	<u>(2)</u>	As required by the student's individualized education program or section 504	
31		<u>(29 U.S.C. § 794) plan.</u>	
32	<u>(3)</u>		
33		documented medical condition.	
34		e governing body shall establish the consequences for violations of the wireless	
35	communication policy, which may include confiscation of the wireless communication device		
36	and disciplinary measures under the public school unit's Code of Student Conduct.		



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1	(e) <u>No later than September 1 of the year in which this section becomes effective, every</u>	
2	public school unit shall send to the Department of Public Instruction a copy of the public school	
3	unit's wireless communication policy. The public school unit shall provide the Department of	
4	Public Instruction with a copy of the wireless communication policy anytime it is changed. No	
5	later than October 1 of each year, the Department of Public Instruction shall report to the Joint	
6	Legislative Education Oversight Committee the number of public school units that are in	
7	compliance with this section and the name of any public school unit which is not in compliance	
8	with this section."	
9	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with	
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10 the 2025-2026 school year.