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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

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REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND  
TECHNOLOGY

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**Cell Phones in Schools**

An Act providing for bell-to-bell phone-free policy.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

**Section (1).** No later than the start of the 2027-2028 school year, the governing body of each school entity shall adopt a policy related to student possession and use of mobile devices during the school day while on school property, which prohibits the use of a mobile device during the school day while on school property.

**Section (2).** Definitions.

"Mobile device" shall mean a personal mobile telephone or other portable electronic device capable of connecting to the Internet and enabling the user to access content on the Internet, that is not owned by a school entity or issued by a school entity to a student. A mobile device shall include a device with which a user could engage in a call; write, send or receive a message; send or receive data or an image; record, play or edit audio or video data; play a game; or watch a video.

"School day" shall mean the entirety of every instructional day during all instructional and non-instructional time, as determined by the governing body of the school entity, including homeroom periods, lunch, recess and the time moving between classes.

"School entity" shall mean a school district, private school, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, cyber charter school or regional charter school.

**Section (3).** This shall take effect in 60 days.