

SENATE FILE NO. SF0035

School district-cell phone and smart watch policies.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to education; requiring school districts to
2 adopt policies governing students' possession and use of
3 cell phones and smart watches in schools; requiring the
4 adopted policies to be submitted to the state
5 superintendent of public instruction; providing
6 definitions; specifying applicability; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new
12 paragraph (xlv) is amended to read:

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14 **21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.**

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2 (a) The board of trustees in each school district
3 shall:

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5 (xlv) Adopt policies governing student
6 possession and use of cellular telephones and smart watches
7 in schools. Each district shall submit a copy of the policy
8 adopted under this paragraph to the state superintendent as
9 soon as practicable after the initial adoption of the
10 policy and any time thereafter that the policy is
11 substantially revised. For purposes of this paragraph,
12 "smart watch" means a wearable computing device that
13 closely resembles a wristwatch or other time keeping device
14 with the capacity to act in place of or as an extension of
15 a person's cellular telephone. "Smart watch" does not
16 include a wearable device that can only tell time, monitor
17 a person's health information or track a person's location.

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19 **Section 2.** Not later than July 1, 2026, each school
20 district board of trustees shall establish policies
21 required by W.S. 21-3-110(a)(xlv) as created by section 1
22 of this act.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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