

HOUSE BILL No. 1198

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-26-5-40.7.

Synopsis: Student use of a wireless communication device. Requires that each school corporation and charter school adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy that governs, with certain exceptions, student use of a wireless communication device and publish the policy on the school corporation's or charter school's website.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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January 9, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-40.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"instructional time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1.**
5 **(b) Each school corporation and charter school shall adopt and**
6 **implement a wireless communication device policy that:**
7 **(1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3), prohibits a**
8 **student from using a wireless communication device during**
9 **instructional time;**
10 **(2) authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless**
11 **communication device for educational purposes during**
12 **instructional time; and**
13 **(3) permits a student to use a wireless communication device**
14 **in the event of an emergency.**
15 **(c) Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on**
16 **its website the wireless communication device policy established**
17 **under subsection (b).**

