

SENATE BILL NO. 207

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:239(A), relative to the unauthorized possession of electronic
3 telecommunication devices at school; to provide for instructions on storing electronic
4 telecommunication devices during an instructional day; to provide for exceptions;
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:239(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §239. Prohibition against unauthorized use of electronic telecommunication devices;
9 exceptions; penalties

10 A.(1) Effective beginning with the 2003-2004 school year and thereafter, no
11 student, unless authorized by the school principal or his designee shall use or operate
12 any electronic telecommunication device including any facsimile system, radio
13 paging service, mobile telephone service, intercom, or electro-mechanical paging
14 system in any public elementary or secondary school building or on the grounds
15 thereof or in any school bus used to transport public school students.

16 (2)(a) Effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter,
17 no student shall possess, on his person, an electronic telecommunication device
18 throughout the instructional day. If a student brings an electronic
19 telecommunication device in any public elementary or secondary school
20 building or on the grounds thereof during an instructional day, the electronic
21 device shall either be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of
22 the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the
23 instructional day.

24 (b) The provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph are not
25 applicable to a student whose Individualized Education Program,

