

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATOR MIZELL

SCHOOLS. Provides relative to the unauthorized possession of electronic telecommunication devices at school. (gov sig)

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 an effective
5 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) Effective beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and thereafter, no
17 student shall possess, on his person, an electronic telecommunication device

throughout the instructional day. If a student brings an electronic telecommunication device in any public elementary or secondary school building or on the grounds thereof during an instructional day, the electronic device shall either be turned off and properly stowed away for the duration of the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits unauthorized use or operation by a student of any electronic telecommunications device in public school buildings and school buses and on school grounds.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that any electronic telecommunications device must either be turned off and properly stowed away throughout the duration of the instructional day or prohibited from being turned on and used during the instructional day.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:239(A))