SENATE BILL NO. 207

BY SENATORS MIZELL, EDMONDS, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH AND TALBOT

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.

1 Individualized Accommodation Plan, Section 504 plan, or Individualized Health 2 Plan requires the student's use of an electronic telecommunication device. 3 4 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 5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 6 7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 8 effective on the day following such approval. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: