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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5382

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; requiring the Department of Education to adopt a model  
1.3 policy for cell phones in schools; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 121A.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [121A.73] SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Model policy. The Department of Education must develop a model policy  
1.8 on students' possession and use of cell phones in school. The department must identify best  
1.9 practices for limiting the use of cell phones on school grounds, prohibiting the use of cell  
1.10 phones during instructional time, and storing student cell phones during instructional time.  
1.11 The department must also include language in the model policy that implements the best  
1.12 practices.

1.13 Subd. 2. District policy. The board of a school district or charter school may adopt a  
1.14 district policy on students' possession and use of cell phones. A board may adopt the model  
1.15 policy developed under subdivision 1. If adopted, the policy must be included in the student  
1.16 handbook on school policies and posted on the district or charter school website.

1.17 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.