

SENATE BILL NO. 444—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MARCH 24, 2025

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning policies governing the use of certain electronic devices in schools. (BDR 34-855)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring a policy adopted by the board of trustees of a school district concerning the use and possession by pupils of certain electronic devices to include certain provisions governing the discipline of pupils and exceptions to limitations prescribed as part of such a policy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law: (1) requires the board of trustees of each school district to adopt a policy concerning the use and possession by pupils of certain electronic devices while on school property or at a school activity; and (2) sets forth certain requirements concerning the policy. (NRS 392.4637) This bill requires the policy to address the use and possession by pupils of an electronic communication device. This bill additionally requires the policy to include: (1) measures for disciplining a pupil using a progressive scale based on the number and seriousness of violations; (2) limitations on the use of an electronic communication device during instruction; and (3) certain exceptions for any limitations imposed as part of such a policy.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 392.4637 is hereby amended to read as follows:

392.4637 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a policy concerning the use and possession by pupils of ~~fa pager, cellular telephone or any other similar~~ *an* electronic



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1 *communication* device ~~[used for communication]~~ while on the
2 premises of a public school or while at an activity sponsored by a
3 public school.

4 2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must:

5 (a) Prescribe appropriate measures for disciplining a pupil who
6 violates the policy ~~[]~~ *that include, without limitation, a system to*
7 *rate violations of a policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 on a*
8 *progressive scale based on the number and seriousness of the*
9 *violations.*

10 (b) *Prescribe limitations on the use of an electronic*
11 *communication device during instruction.*

12 (c) *Include exceptions to any limitations on the use of an*
13 *electronic communication device prescribed as part of a policy*
14 *adopted pursuant to subsection 1, including, without limitation,*
15 *exceptions:*

16 (1) *On the use of an electronic communication device*
17 *during an emergency or crisis or to manage the health of a pupil;*

18 (2) *If a teacher allows for the use of an electronic*
19 *communication device for instructional purposes; and*

20 (3) *If the use of an electronic communication device is*
21 *included as part of an individualized education program or a plan*
22 *developed in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*
23 *of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794.*

24 (d) Be included within each copy of the rules of behavior
25 for pupils that the school district provides to pupils pursuant to
26 NRS 392.463.

27 3. *As used in this section:*

28 (a) *“Electronic communication device” means any electronic*
29 *device that is capable of transmitting any audio, written or*
30 *pictorial information or messages to another electronic device.*
31 *The term does not include an electronic device issued to a pupil by*
32 *the school district or the school in which the pupil is enrolled.*

33 (b) *“Individualized education program” has the meaning*
34 *ascribed to it in 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A).*

35 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective:

36 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of performing
37 any administrative tasks necessary to adopt the policy required by
38 NRS 392.4637, as amended by section 1 of this act, not later than
39 June 30, 2026; and

40 2. On July 1, 2026, for all other purposes.

