

Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 185

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-40.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: **Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section, "instructional time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1.**

(b) As used in this section, "wireless communication device" means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including a:

- (1) cellular telephone;**
- (2) tablet computer;**
- (3) laptop computer; or**
- (4) gaming device.**

(c) Each school corporation and charter school shall adopt and implement a wireless communication device policy that:

- (1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) and subsection (d), prohibits a student from using a wireless communication device during instructional time;**
- (2) authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless communication device for educational purposes during instructional time; and**
- (3) permits a student to use a wireless communication device in the event of an emergency or to manage the student's**

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health care.

(d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection (c) may not prohibit a student from using a wireless communication device during instructional time if the use of the wireless communication device is included in the student's:

- (1) individualized education program; or
- (2) plan developed under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.

(e) Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on its website the wireless communication device policy established under subsection (c).



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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