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BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 130
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Benson**” and substitute “**Senators Benson, Attar, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman, Hester, Waldstreicher, M. Washington, and Watson**”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

“Education – Student Personal Electronic Device Use Policy – Required”;

and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “policy” in line 6 and substitute “requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for a policy on student use of personal electronic devices during school hours; requiring county boards of education, in consultation with students, parents, teachers, and school personnel, to develop and adopt a policy that limits students from using personal electronic devices during school hours except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to county boards of education and a personal electronic device use policy for students”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 22 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 22, insert:

“(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE” MEANS ANY PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE FOR INDIVIDUAL USE, INCLUDING A SMARTPHONE, TABLET, LAPTOP, SMARTWATCH, OR ANY OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS CAPABLE OF CONNECTING TO A SMARTPHONE OR A CELLULAR OR WI-FI NETWORK.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR A POLICY ON STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING SCHOOL HOURS, INCLUDING:

(1) MODEL POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNTY BOARDS TO USE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY;

(2) CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS;

(3) CONSIDERATIONS FOR LEGAL EXEMPTIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS; AND

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS, MAY PERIODICALLY UPDATE THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

(I) COLLECT INFORMATION ON EACH COUNTY BOARD'S PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE POLICY; AND

(2) USE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED TO DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES AND INFORM THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE GUIDELINES.

(D) (1) EACH COUNTY BOARD, IN CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL, SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT A POLICY THAT LIMITS A STUDENT FROM USING A PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

(2) THE POLICY ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS:

1. FOR ANY PURPOSE DOCUMENTED IN A STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM OR SECTION 504 PLAN;

2. TO MONITOR OR ADDRESS A STUDENT'S DOCUMENTED HEALTH ISSUE; OR

3. WHEN DIRECTED BY AN EDUCATOR OR ADMINISTRATOR FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES;

(II) BE PRINTED IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK;

(III) BE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL STAFF AND PERSONNEL; AND

(IV) BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED EVERY 2 YEARS.”.