

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDI-
2 TION OF A NEW SECTION 33-132A, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE A TERM AND TO ESTAB-
3 LISH PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR POLICIES REGARDING WIRELESS ELECTRONIC
4 COMMUNICATION DEVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 1, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 33-132A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 33-132A. WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES POLICY RE-
11 QUIRED. For purposes of this section, "wireless electronic communication
12 device" means any electronic device, including but not limited to a tele-
13 phone, personal digital assistant, paging device, text-messaging device,
14 or other device with similar functions that can be used to wirelessly commu-
15 nicate with another person. No later than August 1, 2025, each local school
16 district shall adopt a policy that addresses student possession of wireless
17 electronic communication devices as defined in this section. Such policy
18 shall be approved by the school district's board of trustees and shall be
19 included in the school district's written student conduct standards. If the
20 policy provided for in this section includes confiscation of wireless elec-
21 tronic communication devices, it shall also provide for the return of such
22 devices to the students. At a minimum, such policy shall prohibit the use of
23 wireless electronic communication devices in classrooms during periods of
24 academic instruction.

25 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
26 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
27 passage and approval.