

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1032

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; AMENDING TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A  
NEW CHAPTER 68, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO ESTABLISH  
PROVISIONS REGARDING DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING; AND DECLARING AN EMER-  
GENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended  
by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-  
ter 68, Title 33, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

CHAPTER 68  
DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING

33-6801. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Electronic communications device" means any device that uses electronic signals to create, transmit, and receive information, including cellular telephones.
- (2) "School building" means any structure in which any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training provided by a school is conducted.
- (3) "School grounds or premises" means the parcel of real property on which any school building is located and any other parcel of real property that is owned or leased by the local school district or public charter school on which any instruction, extracurricular activities, or training of the school is conducted.
- (4) "School hours" means the designated period of the day when school is open and in operation.

33-6802. DISTRACTION-FREE LEARNING. (1) No later than December 31, 2025, every local school board and public charter school shall adopt a policy governing the use of electronic communications devices by students in school buildings and on school grounds or premises during school hours. The policy shall:

- (a) Emphasize that student use of electronic communications devices be as limited as possible in school buildings and on school grounds or premises during school hours; and
- (b) Reduce distractions related to the use of electronic communications devices in classroom settings during school hours.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require a local school board or public charter school to adopt a policy that prohibits all use of electronic communications devices by students. However, local school boards and public charter schools may adopt a policy prohibiting students from carrying electronic communications devices in school buildings and on school grounds or premises during school hours. A local school board

1 or public charter school that adopts such policy shall be considered to have  
2 met the requirement to adopt a policy under this section.

3 (3) A policy adopted pursuant to the provisions of this section may  
4 provide for exceptions to the use of electronic communications devices,  
5 including but not limited to accommodations for individualized education  
6 programs. Each policy shall specify any disciplinary measures for viola-  
7 tions of the policy.

8 (4) Every local school board and public charter school shall make the  
9 policy it adopts pursuant to the provisions of this section publicly avail-  
10 able and display such policy prominently on its public website.

11 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby  
12 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after  
13 July 1, 2025.