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HOUSE BILL NO. 408

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAGG.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 162, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to telecommunications devices in schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 162, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 162.126, to read as follows:

162.126. 1. For the 2025-26 school year and all subsequent school years, each school district shall adopt a written policy governing a student's possession or use of an electronic telecommunications device.

2. Such policy shall, at a minimum:

(1) Prohibit a student from using, operating, possessing, or keeping on such student's person a cell phone or a connected device including, but not limited to, a smart watch, in any of the school district's elementary or secondary school buildings during regularly scheduled instructional activities unless authorized by the school principal or such principal's designee;

(2) Require a student who brings an electronic telecommunications device into any of the school district's elementary or secondary school buildings or on the grounds thereof during regularly scheduled instructional activities to turn off and properly store the electronic device during regularly scheduled instructional activities or prohibit such student from turning on or using such device during regularly scheduled instructional activities;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 **(3) Provide exceptions that allow the use of an electronic telecommunications**
17 **device by a student when the use of such device is required during regularly scheduled**
18 **instructional activities for the following:**

19 **(a) An individualized education program, or IEP, as such term is defined in 20**
20 **U.S.C. Section 1401, as amended;**

21 **(b) A 504 plan created under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of**
22 **1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 794, as amended; or**

23 **(c) An individualized emergency health care plan or an individualized health**
24 **care plan established under section 167.625; and**

25 **(4) Provide guidelines and requirements for using, operating, possessing, or**
26 **keeping on such student's person an electronic telecommunications device during**
27 **noninstructional school activities, such as school-sponsored field trips, transportation,**
28 **or other noninstructional school activities.**

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