

As Introduced

**135th General Assembly
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H. B. No. 404

Representative Forhan

A BILL

To enact section 101.16 of the Revised Code 1
regarding the use of personal electronic devices 2
by General Assembly members. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 101.16 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 101.16. (A) As used in this section: 6

"Committee" and "meeting" have the same meanings as in 7
section 101.15 of the Revised Code. 8

"Personal electronic device" means a personal mobile 9
telephone, laptop computer, tablet, or other wireless electronic 10
telecommunication device. 11

(B) No member of the general assembly, during a committee 12
meeting or floor session, shall use a personal electronic 13
device. 14

(C) Division (B) of this section does not apply to a 15
member who is located in the gallery seating or rear lobby of 16
the house or senate chamber, or in the audience of a committee 17
meeting. 18