

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 4

Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY _____ October 18, 2024

REFERRED TO SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Ban Cell Phones in School

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," in school safety and security, and establishing the Cell Phone Prohibition in Schools Act.

No school student enrolled within a School entity, defined as a school district, intermediate unit, area career and technical school, charter school, regional charter school, approved private school, nonpublic school, chartered school for the education of the deaf or the blind or private residential rehabilitative institution shall be permitted to have access to or utilize a cell phone or similar mobile device during school time.

Accommodations may be carved out for students who require devices when medically necessary.

Any student who violates this section shall be subject to the discipline outlined by the school district.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.