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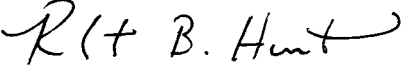
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House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

An Act to Ban Cellular Telephones from Public School Classrooms

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4017** is enacted to read:

3 **§4017. Cellular telephones prohibited in classrooms**

4 School administrative units shall require all public schools administered by the school
5 administrative unit to adopt and enforce a policy that prohibits students from possessing
6 cellular telephones in classrooms.

7 A policy developed by a public school pursuant to this section must include an
8 exception that allows a student to possess a cellular telephone in a classroom in certain
9 emergency circumstances.

10 This section may not be construed to require public schools to prohibit students from
11 possessing cellular telephones on school property in a place other than a classroom.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires school administrative units to require that all public schools adopt
14 and enforce a policy that prohibits students from possessing cellular telephones in a
15 classroom. A policy developed by a school must contain an exception that allows a student
16 to possess a cellular telephone in a classroom in certain emergency circumstances.

17 This provision does not require schools to prohibit students from possessing cellular
18 telephones on school property in a place other than a classroom.