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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 14, 2024

Subject: HB 2641 – Restricting student use of cellphones in school.

House Bill No. 2641 (HB 2641) would require the board of education of each school district adopt policies and procedures to restrict student use of personal cellphones during normal school hours. The policies and procedures must prohibit such use with limited exceptions and establish disciplinary actions for violations.

The bill would allow use of a personal cellphone in the following instances:

- Use of a cellphone is required under the student's IEP.
- Use of a cellphone is permitted by a teacher or administrator for educational purposes, but not as a reward.
- Use of a cellphone is pre-approved by a teacher or administrator due to health or emergency concerns or other special circumstances.

If enacted, HB 2641 would become effective on July 1, 2024.