

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE BILL

NO. 1  
Session of 2025

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REFERRED TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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## Reducing Phones in Schools

AN ACT

Amending the public school code, establishing the Cell Phone Free Schools Program.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

### Section 1.

- (1) Establishment. – The Cell Phone Free Schools Program is established for the purpose of securely holding each students' phone.
- (2) Duties. – Any school that participates in this program shall:
  - (a) Establish a school policy to prohibit the use of phones during instructional time.
  - (b) At no time should a student receive his or her phone during instruction time.
  - (c) Identify and secure each student's phone in an individual lockable bag.
- (3) Funding. – Within 90 days of the effective date of this act's passing, schools shall be provided with lockable containers, as well as proper labeling equipment to provide for the security of the phones, as well as the identity of each phone's owner recorded for the purpose of its return. This program is subject to the availability of funds.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on May 1, 2025.