

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2151

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC CHARTER  
2 SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT  
3 POLICIES TO BAN THE POSSESSION OR RESTRICT THE USE OF CELL PHONES  
4 BY STUDENTS DURING CLASS OR WHILE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND  
5 CONTROL OF AN EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL; TO PROVIDE FOR  
6 POTENTIAL EXCEPTIONS WHICH ALLOW STUDENTS TO POSSESS OR USE CELL  
7 PHONES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) A public school district, public charter  
10 school, agricultural high school, the Mississippi Schools for the  
11 Deaf and the Blind, the Mississippi School of the Arts and the  
12 Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science shall develop and  
13 adopt specific policies to ban the possession or restrict the use  
14 of cell phones by students during class or while under the  
15 supervision and control of an employee or employees of the school.

16 (2) In developing and adopting a policy under this section,  
17 a school may include exceptions to allow a student to possess or  
18 use a cell phone under any of the following circumstances:

19 (a) In the case of an emergency, or in response to a  
20 perceived threat of danger;

21                   (b) When a licensed advanced practice registered nurse,  
22 physician or surgeon determines that the possession or use of a  
23 cell phone is medically necessary for the health or well-being of  
24 the student; or

25                   (c) When the possession or use of a cell phone is  
26 required in a student's individualized education program.

27                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
28 and after July 1, 2025.