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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A bill for an act

relating to education; requiring school boards to adopt student mobile device

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 712

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.3	policies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.
1.4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.5	Section 1. [121A.73] MOBILE DEVICE POLICY.
1.6	Subdivision 1. Definition. "Mobile device" means a cellular phone, wearable device,
1.7	tablet device, or other electronic device that possesses computing capability or provides
1.8	Internet access, text messaging, e-mail, or digital voice service.
1.9	Subd. 2. Model policy. The commissioner of education must maintain and make available
1.10	to school boards a model policy on student access to mobile devices. The model policy must
1.11	address the requirements of subdivision 3. The commissioner must develop the policy in
1.12	consultation with school boards, teachers, school counselors, parents, students, and other
1.13	stakeholders.
1.14	Subd. 3. School board policy. (a) Each school board must adopt a written policy
1.15	governing student use of mobile devices during regular school hours.
1.16	(b) The policy must promote students' emotional well-being and support students'
1.17	educational attainment goals.
1.18	(c) The policy must reflect differences in student usage of mobile devices among students
1.19	in elementary and secondary schools.
1.20	(d) The policy must include disciplinary consequences for violating the policy.
1.21	Disciplinary consequences must conform with sections 121A.41 to 121A.56. Each school

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must include the policy in the student handbook on school policies.

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2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for the 2019-2020 school year and later.

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