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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of cellular telephones by students
2 in public schools.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.84 Cellular telephones —
2 limitation on use.

3 The board of directors of a school district shall establish
4 a written policy prohibiting the use of cellular telephones by
5 students during the school day unless authorized by a teacher,
6 or required by law, for a specific educational purpose. The
7 policy shall include one or more secure, designated areas where
8 students may store their cellular telephones during the school
9 day, which may include student lockers. The policy shall
10 also include one or more methods for parents and guardians of
11 students to readily contact students during the school day and
12 provide for written notification of parents and guardians of
13 these methods at the beginning of each school year.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill requires school boards to establish a written
18 policy prohibiting the use of cellular telephones by students
19 during the school day unless authorized by a teacher, or
20 required by law, for a specific educational purpose. The
21 policy shall include one or more secure, designated areas where
22 students may store their cellular telephones during the school
23 day. The policy shall also include one or more methods for
24 parents and guardians of students to readily contact students
25 during the school day and provide for written notification of
26 parents and guardians of these methods at the beginning of each
27 school year.