



Fiscal Note

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HB 25-1135: COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOLS

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that public school districts and the Charter School Institute adopt a policy concerning student use of cell phones during school days.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditure
- School Districts

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

No later than July 1, 2026, the bill requires that school districts and the Charter School Institute (CSI) adopt and implement a policy concerning cell phone use and possession during the school day. Policies must not prohibit students from possessing or using a cell phone if it is necessary for compliance with disability standards, special education programs, or to monitor a medical condition. These adopted policies must be posted on the website of the local education provider or charter school.

State Expenditure

The Charter School Institute is an independent agency in the Colorado Department of Education that authorizes and oversees some charter schools. The bill increases workload for the CSI to conduct public outreach and adopt and implement a cell phone policy across the charter schools under its supervision. This additional workload does not require new appropriations.

School District

The bill increases workload for school districts to conduct public outreach, provide an opportunity for public input, and to craft and implement a cell phone policy for students. The bill increases workload for any public school district that has not adopted a cell phone policy.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education

School District

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).