



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB2964

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Rep. Tracy Katz Muhl

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.28
105 ILCS 5/34-18.14

from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.28
from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.14

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall establish appropriate rules and disciplinary procedures governing the use or possession of cellular radio telecommunication devices by a student, including rules that restrict the use of cellular radio telecommunication devices during instructional time (instead of providing that the school board may establish appropriate rules and disciplinary procedures governing the use or possession of cellular radio telecommunication devices by a student). Provides that a school board may create exceptions to these rules, including exceptions for school-based emergencies, individual student and family emergencies, and individualized education program and federal Section 504 plan accommodations and to allow for teacher discretion.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
5 10-20.28 and 34-18.14 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.28) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.28)

7 Sec. 10-20.28. Cellular radio telecommunication devices.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that the
9 educational development of all persons to the limits of their
10 capacities is a fundamental goal of the people of this State
11 and that to achieve such goal it is essential to provide a safe
12 and secure learning environment within the public schools.
13 While recognizing that cellular radio telecommunication
14 devices may be used for inappropriate activities during school
15 hours and on school property and may, on occasion, cause
16 disruption to the classroom environment, the General Assembly
17 also recognizes that the use of cellular radio
18 telecommunication devices can decrease the response time of
19 officials to emergency situations. In addition, cellular radio
20 telecommunication devices allow parents an additional and
21 timely method of contacting their children should an emergency
22 situation arise. Therefore, it is the purpose and intention of
23 the General Assembly in enacting this legislation to (i)

1 reduce the occurrence of inappropriate and disruptive
2 activities during school hours and on school property
3 occurring through the use of cellular radio telecommunication
4 devices and (ii) increase the safety of students and school
5 personnel during school hours and on school property.

6 (b) ~~A~~ ~~The~~ school board shall ~~may~~ establish appropriate
7 rules and disciplinary procedures governing the use or
8 possession of cellular radio telecommunication devices by a
9 student while in a school or on school property, during
10 regular school hours, or at any other time, including, but not
11 limited to, rules that restrict the use of cellular radio
12 telecommunication devices during instructional time. The
13 school board may create exceptions to these rules, including,
14 but not limited to, exceptions for school-based emergencies,
15 individual student and family emergencies, and individualized
16 education program and federal Section 504 plan accommodations
17 and to allow for teacher discretion.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-793, eff. 8-9-02.)

19 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.14) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.14)

20 Sec. 34-18.14. Cellular radio telecommunication devices.

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17 (b) The board shall ~~may~~ establish appropriate rules and
18 disciplinary procedures governing the use or possession of
19 cellular radio telecommunication devices by a student while in
20 a school or on school property, during regular school hours,
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