

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

### An Act to Ban Cellular Telephones from Public School Classrooms

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington. (BY REQUEST)

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4017** is enacted to read:

**§4017. Cellular telephones prohibited in classrooms**

School administrative units shall require all public schools administered by the school administrative unit to adopt and enforce a policy that prohibits students from possessing cellular telephones in classrooms.

A policy developed by a public school pursuant to this section must include an exception that allows a student to possess a cellular telephone in a classroom in certain emergency circumstances.

This section may not be construed to require public schools to prohibit students from possessing cellular telephones on school property in a place other than a classroom.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires school administrative units to require that all public schools adopt and enforce a policy that prohibits students from possessing cellular telephones in a classroom. A policy developed by a school must contain an exception that allows a student to possess a cellular telephone in a classroom in certain emergency circumstances.

This provision does not require schools to prohibit students from possessing cellular telephones on school property in a place other than a classroom.