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HB 2793: school policies; internet; wireless devices

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Overview

Directs each school district governing board (governing board) and charter school governing body (governing body) to prescribe policies that govern student access to the internet and limit the use of wireless communication devices.

History

A local education agency must adopt policies regarding the use of technology and the internet while at school that include: 1) notifying a parent of the adopted policies; and 2) the parent's ability to prohibit their student from using technology and the internet while at school in which personally identifiable information or material that meets prescribed criteria may be shared with the operator of an internet website, online service, online application or mobile application as specified ([A.R.S. § 15-1046](#)).

Furthermore, the State Board of Education (SBE) must establish best practices for social media and cell phone use between students and school personnel. SBE is to encourage governing boards and governing bodies to adopt policies that implement these best practices. Additionally, statute requires SBE to make these best practices available to public and private schools ([A.R.S. § 15-203](#)). In June 2022, SBE adopted social media and phone guidance ([Social Media and Phone Guidance for Educators](#)).

Provisions

1. Instructs a governing board or governing body to prescribe policies that:
 - a) govern student access to the internet as provided by the school, including policies that restrict student access to social media platforms; and
 - b) limit the use of wireless communication devices by students during the school day.
2. Specifies the policies to govern student access to the internet must allow teachers to give students access to social media platforms as necessary for educational purposes.
3. Requires the policies to limit the use of wireless communication devices by students to allow students to use these devices for educational purposes, as directed by their teacher, or during an emergency.
4. Defines *school day*, *social media platform* and *wireless communication devices*.

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