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## SENATE BILL No. 159

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-26-5-40.5, AS AMENDED BY THE  
2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS BILL OF THE 2026 GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.5. (a) ~~Not later than January 1, 2022~~, Each  
5 school corporation and charter school shall adopt and implement an  
6 Internet use policy that:  
7 (1) prohibits the sending, receiving, viewing, or downloading of  
8 materials that are harmful to minors (as described in  
9 IC 35-49-2-2) on computers and other technology related devices  
10 owned by the school corporation or charter school;  
11 (2) provides for the use of hardware or installation of software on  
12 computers and other technology related devices described in  
13 subdivision (1) to filter or block Internet access to materials that  
14 are harmful to minors; and  
15 (3) establishes appropriate disciplinary measures to be taken  
16 against persons violating the policy established under this  
17 section.

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(b) ~~Not later than January 1, 2022~~, Each school corporation and charter school shall use hardware or install software on computers and other technology related devices described in subsection (a)(1) to filter or block Internet access to materials that are harmful to minors.

**(c) Except as provided in subsection (e), not later than January 1, 2027, each school corporation and charter school shall adopt and implement a policy that enables the parent of a student to:**

**(1) increase the strength of the filter described in subsection (b);**

**(2) block access to websites or content accessible on a device described in subsection (a)(1); and**

**(3) limit the amount of time a device described in subsection (a)(1) may be used by the student;**

**while the student is not in school or engaged in virtual instruction or remote learning. A school to which this subsection applies must inform each parent of a student enrolled in the school of the policy described in this subsection.**

~~(c)~~ **(d)** Each school corporation and charter school shall post on the school corporation's or charter school's ~~Internet web site~~ **website** the Internet use policy established under subsection (a).

**(e) A school to which this section applies that, as of June 30, 2026, has a contract with a vendor that:**

**(1) provides for the implementation of the requirements of subsection (b); and**

**(2) cannot provide for the implementation of the requirements of subsection (c);**

**is exempt from the requirements of subsection (c) until the expiration or renewal of the contract. This subsection expires July 1, 2030.**

SECTION 2. IC 20-26-5-40.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.24-2024, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 40.7. (a) As used in this section, "instructional time" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-30-2-1.

(b) As used in this section, "wireless communication device" means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two (2) or more parties, including a:

(1) cellular telephone;

(2) tablet computer;

(3) laptop computer; or

(4) gaming device.

(c) Each school corporation and charter school shall adopt and

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1 implement a wireless communication device policy that:  
 2 (1) except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) and subsection  
 3 (d), prohibits a student from using a:  
 4 (A) wireless communication device during instructional  
 5 time; **and**  
 6 (B) **school supplied wireless communication device for**  
 7 **a noneducational purpose during instructional time;**  
 8 (2) authorizes a teacher to allow a student to use a wireless  
 9 communication device for educational purposes during  
 10 instructional time; and  
 11 (3) permits a student to use a wireless communication device in  
 12 the event of an emergency or to manage the student's health care.  
 13 (d) The policy adopted and implemented under subsection (c) may  
 14 not prohibit a student from using a wireless communication device  
 15 during instructional time if the use of the wireless communication  
 16 device is included in the student's:  
 17 (1) individualized education program; or  
 18 (2) plan developed under Section 504 of the federal  
 19 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 794.  
 20 (e) Each school corporation and charter school shall publish on its  
 21 website the wireless communication device policy established under  
 22 subsection (c).

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