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Dear Chair Neron, Vice-chair Dobson, and Vice-chair McIntire,

I appreciate the danger that constant cell phone use poses to our students and the distractions that phones may create in classrooms. However, this is NOT the kind of policy that need be dictated at the state level. Each school district is already free on its own to adopt a cell phone policy for its schools. Let the districts do that. My high school son has a phone and almost never uses it during school; however, every now and then it is convenient to get in touch with him about something logistical (e.g., what time to pick him up from practice, need him to come home and feed the dog) during the school day. If he was required to put his phone away for the day, we would be unable to text him during lunch, for instance. It could also create a major hassle and expense for schools to require that students put their phones in Yondr pouches or their equivalent. You would have long lines at the beginning and end of the day.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Let the school districts govern themselves.

Best,

Paul Diller