

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote phone free schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to promote phone free schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a
2 written policy prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices in K-12 public schools by
3 students during the school day unless authorized by a principal. The policy shall include:

4 (a) one or more secure, designated areas where students may store their cellular
5 telephones during the school day, which may include student lockers.

6 (b) one or more methods for parents and guardians of students to readily contact students
7 during the school day and provide for written notification of parents and guardians of these
8 methods at the beginning of each school year.

9 (c) The department of elementary and secondary education regulations shall provide for
10 medical exceptions and other appropriate exigencies.