



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6005

Introduced by: **Representative Rice**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the board of each school district in this**
2 **state to develop and implement a policy that limits the use of cellular**
3 **telephones and other electronic communication devices during instructional**
4 **time.**

5 WHEREAS, national studies show that using cellular telephones or other electronic
6 communication devices during instructional time may disrupt and distract from the learning
7 environment, negatively impact test scores, and affect a student's long-term ability to retain
8 information; and

9 WHEREAS, the board of a school district may regulate the use of cellular telephones or
10 other electronic communication devices on school property; and

11 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of students, administrators, teachers, and other school
12 employees to minimize distractions and disruptions during instructional time, and to increase
13 a student's academic proficiency;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the One
15 Hundredth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the
16 board of each school district in this state is strongly encouraged to adopt a policy limiting the
17 use of cellular telephones and other electronic communication devices during instructional
18 time; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board of each school district in this state is strongly
20 encouraged to provide training and support to all faculty and staff employed by the school
21 district to ensure that the faculty and staff are aware of the policy, understand the importance
22 of the policy, and acknowledge the expectation that the faculty and staff will comply with the
23 terms and conditions of the policy.