

2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 198**AMENDMENT 198A
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to restrict the use of a cell phone by a student during ~~instructional time~~ the**
2 **school day.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-32:**

5 Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student may not use a cell phone
6 during the school day, as set by the board of the school district pursuant to § 13-26-1.

7 A student may use a cell phone during the school day if:

8 (1) The use of a cell phone is required or permitted as part of an approved medical or
9 educational accommodation; or

10 (2) The use of a cell phone is required during an emergency affecting the health,
11 safety, or well-being of a student or staff member.

12 The board of each school district shall adopt a policy that sets forth disciplinary
13 actions for student noncompliance.