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2 Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Batchelor of Derby,
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4 South Burlington, Larocque of Barnet, Lawrence of Lyndon,
5 Lewis of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, Shaw of Derby,
6 Strong of Albany, Winters of Williamstown, and Young of
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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Education; public schools; technology

11 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit
12 student use of cellphones and similar devices in public schools when classes
13 are in progress.

14 An act relating to the use of cellphones and other portable electronic devices
15 by public school students

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1168 is added to read:

18 § 1168. PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

19 Each school board shall adopt and ensure implementation of policies
20 prohibiting student use of portable electronic devices during the hours school is

1 in session, including consequences for violation; provided, however, that a
2 school board may include reasonable exceptions for use of portable electronic
3 devices during lunch or other nonclassroom times or as a teacher-directed
4 component of a learning experience. In this section, “portable electronic
5 device” shall have the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4.

6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

7 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.