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## Governor Hobbs Vetoes Rep. Pingerelli's Bill to Keep Cellphones Out of the Classroom

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Arizona House Education Chairwoman Beverly Pingerelli responded today to Governor Hobbs' decision to veto [House Bill 2793](#), a measure which would have directed public schools to adopt policies and enforce procedures to limit access to cell phones during the entire school day, except for emergencies or as directed by a staff member. The bill would also have directed schools to limit access to social media websites on school-provided internet.

**“There is a growing body of research that clearly links the use of wireless devices like cell phones to increased negative social harms among our youth,”** said Chairwoman Pingerelli. **“Arizona middle and high schools today are flooded with students glued to screens. It’s an epidemic that is impacting everything from teen depression and anxiety, increased childhood obesity, and decreased academic achievement.”**

Despite no formal opposition and not one person testifying against the bill, Democrats on the House and Senate floor all voted against House Bill 2793. Chairwoman Pingerelli secured the support of the Arizona School Boards Association, the School Administrators Association, and other education groups.

**“As a former school board member, I believe in local solutions. This is why my legislation called on school boards to develop policies and procedures to limit the use of devices for students. It called for sensible solutions and reasonable exceptions. The goal is to have personal devices ‘away for the day’ so students can engage and learn. Today, schools feel powerless to enforce even mild restrictions. The results are evident on campuses everywhere.”**

*Beverly Pingerelli is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 28 in Peoria, Sun City, Sun City West, and Phoenix, and is Chair of the House Committee on Education. Follow her on X/Twitter at @BevPingerelli.*

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