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S.B. No. 1453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of cellular telephone applications in place of graphing calculators in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.904 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.904. USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE APPLICATION IN PLACE OF GRAPHING CALCULATOR. (a) A school district shall permit a student enrolled in a course that requires the student to use a graphing calculator to instead use an application on the student's cellular telephone that provides the same functionality, unless the district makes available to the student a graphing calculator at no cost to the student.

(b) A school district may adopt policies related to student use of cellular telephones under this section.

(c) To the extent this section conflicts with Section 37.082, this section prevails.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.