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To prohibit the use of smartphones at Department of Defense Education  
Activity schools.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BANKS (for himself and Ms. SLOTKIN) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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Defense Education Activity schools.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Our Edu-  
5       cational Focus on Children of U.S. Servicemembers at  
6       DODEA” or the “REFOCUS DODEA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF SMARTPHONES AT DE-**  
2 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIV-**  
3 **ITY SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 30  
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the  
7 Department of Defense Education Activity, shall prescribe  
8 regulations prohibiting the use, during the school day, of  
9 smartphones by students in schools operated by the Activ-  
10 ity.

11 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In prescribing  
12 regulations under subsection (a), the Secretary shall en-  
13 sure that—

14 (1) smartphones brought to schools by students  
15 are to be placed in phone lockers or other approved  
16 pouches or storage containers for the duration of the  
17 school day; and

18 (2) appropriate exceptions are made to allow  
19 for smartphone use required for medical or other  
20 high-priority reasons, such as use in the event of  
21 emergencies.

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