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Bill Analysis

SB 139 requires school district boards of education to adopt a policy prohibiting students from using cell phones while on a public school district campus from bell to bell. It directs the policy to include disciplinary procedures for violations. It allows the policy to include certain exceptions. The bill directs the State Department of Education to establish a grant program to provide middle schools and high schools with funds to implement the policies. It allows up to \$2 million to be provided for grants, subject to the availability of funding. It provides the grant application process. The measure also allows the State Board of Education to issue a request for proposals and enter into a contract with a vendor to offer a state rate price for grant recipient middle schools and high schools.

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