

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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ROBINSON, KRUSZEWSKI, MELIO AND PISTELLA, MARCH 13, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 13, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," prohibiting the possession by
6 students of cellular telephones.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1317.1 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, added
11 December 22, 1989 (P.L.749, No.103), is amended to read:

12 Section 1317.1. Possession of Telephone Pagers and Cellular
13 Telephones Prohibited.--(a) The possession by students of
14 telephone paging devices, commonly referred to as beepers, or
15 cellular telephones shall be prohibited on school grounds, at
16 school sponsored activities and on buses or other vehicles
17 provided by the school district.

18 (b) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) shall not
19 apply in the following cases, provided that the school

1 authorities approve of the presence of the beeper or cellular
2 telephone in each case:

3 (1) A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company,
4 ambulance or rescue squad.

5 (2) A student who has a need for a beeper or cellular
6 telephone due to the medical condition of an immediate family
7 member.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.