

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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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," in pupils and attendance, further
6 prohibiting possession of telephone pagers and certain
7 electronic devices.

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

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

13 Section 1317.1. Possession of [Telephone Pagers] Electronic
14 Devices Prohibited.--(a) The possession by students of
15 telephone paging devices, commonly referred to as beepers,
16 cellular telephones and portable electronic devices that record
17 or play audio or video material shall be prohibited on school
18 grounds, at school sponsored activities and on buses or other
19 vehicles provided by the school district.

20 (b) The prohibition against beepers and cellular telephones

1 contained in subsection (a) shall not apply in the following
2 cases, provided that the school authorities approve of the
3 presence of the beeper or cellular telephone in each case:

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

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

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.