

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 25, 1989.

CHAPTER 592

(Senate Bill 590)

AN ACT concerning

Education - Public Schools - Prohibiting Portable Pagers

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain persons from possessing portable pagers on the grounds of public schools; requiring the detention and notification of law enforcement officers, officers and arrest of violators of the provisions of this Act; ~~and the immediate confiscation of certain portable pagers~~; prescribing certain penalties for violation of this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to prohibiting portable pagers on the grounds of public schools.

BY adding to

Article - Education
Section 26-104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly of Maryland to respond to the seriousness of the drug trafficking problem within primary and secondary schools in the State; and

WHEREAS, The use of portable pagers on school grounds contributes significantly to the drug trafficking problem within primary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, A ready access to drugs on school grounds is a significant factor contributing to the serious drug abuse problem within primary and secondary public schools; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly by the enactment of this legislation to discourage drug trafficking on school grounds in order to protect the health and safety of the students of the State of Maryland; now, therefore,