

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Education

26-104.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "PORTABLE PAGER" MEANS ANY DEVICE CARRIED, WORN, OR TRANSPORTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE OR COMMUNICATE MESSAGES.

(3) "PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY" MEANS THE GROUNDS OF ANY PUBLIC SCHOOL.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT POSSESS A PORTABLE PAGER ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY.

(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) HANDICAPPED STUDENTS USING PORTABLE PAGERS FOR MEDICAL REASONS;

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS;

(3) VISITORS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR AN AUTHORIZED PROGRAM, MEETING, OR FUNCTION; AND

(4) FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBERS EMPLOYED BY A COUNTY BOARD; AND

(5) MEMBERS OF ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE COMPANY, OR RESCUE SQUAD, WHO ARE DESIGNATED TO POSSESS A PORTABLE PAGER ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY BY THE CHIEF OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AMBULANCE COMPANY, OR RESCUE SQUAD, AND THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

~~(D) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DETAINED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES UNTIL THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES CONTACT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND THE VIOLATOR IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.~~

(D) IF AN INDIVIDUAL VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHALL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

(E) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CONTACTED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION SHALL ARREST THE VIOLATOR ~~AND IMMEDIATELY CONFISCATE THE PORTABLE PAGER IN THE POSSESSION OF THE VIOLATOR.~~