

school authority to contact a law enforcement officer when ~~a student~~ an individual is found in possession of a portable pager on public school property ~~only for a second or subsequent time; and generally relating to possession of portable pagers on public school property~~ only for a second or a subsequent time.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education

Section 26-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume)

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;

(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) If an individual violates subsection (b) of this section, the school authorities:~~

~~(1) ON A FIRST OFFENSE, MAY CONTACT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND~~

~~(2) ON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, shall immediately MAY contact a law enforcement officer.~~

(d) If an individual violates subsection (b) of this section, the school authorities: