

CHAPTER 637

(House Bill 67)

AN ACT concerning

Juvenile Law – Prohibition Against Possession of Portable Pagers on School Property – Repeal

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against the possession of portable pagers on public school property, except as the prohibition applies in Baltimore County, except as the prohibition applies in certain counties, except as the prohibition applies in Baltimore City; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 26-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

~~§~~26-104.

(a) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CAROLINE, DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, TALBOT, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN BALTIMORE CITY.

(B) (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)~~ (C) Except as provided in subsection ~~(e)~~ (D) of this section, an individual may not possess a portable pager on public school property.

~~(e)~~ (D) 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;