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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1015

5 By: Representative Harris  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH  
9 POLICIES CONCERNING STUDENT USE OF ELECTRONIC  
10 COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE AT SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
15 ESTABLISH POLICIES CONCERNING STUDENT USE  
16 OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AT  
17 SCHOOL.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-502(b)(3)(C)-(E), concerning the  
24 requirements for Department of Education guidelines for student discipline  
25 policies for certain offenses, is amended to read as follows:

26 (C) Using, offering for sale, or selling beer, alcoholic  
27 beverages, or other illicit drugs by students on school property; and

28 ~~(D) Possession by a student of any paging device, beeper,~~  
29 ~~or similar electronic communication device on the school campus, however:~~

30 ~~(i) The policy may provide an exemption for~~  
31 ~~possession of such a device by a student who is required to use such a device~~  
32 ~~for health or other compelling reasons; and~~

33 ~~(ii) The policy may exempt possession of such a~~  
34 ~~device after normal school hours for extracurricular activities; and~~

35 ~~(E)~~(D) Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or  
36 stealing school property by students.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-503(a), concerning written student discipline policies of public school districts, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) A school district may establish written student discipline policies and exemptions concerning the possession and use by a student of a cell phone, paging device, beeper, or other electronic communication device on school property or at a school-sponsored activity.