

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 690 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, YOUNGBLOOD, D. COSTA AND READSHAW,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 3, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," in pupils and attendance, further  
6 providing for possession of telephone pagers prohibited.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1317.1 of the act of March 10, 1949  
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 1317.1. Possession of [Telephone Pagers] Electronic  
13 Devices Prohibited.--(a) The possession by students of  
14 telephone paging devices, commonly referred to as beepers,  
15 cellular telephones and portable electronic devices that record  
16 or play audio or video material shall be prohibited on school  
17 grounds, at school sponsored activities and on buses or other  
18 vehicles provided by the school district.

19 (b) The prohibition against beepers and cellular telephones  
20 contained in subsection (a) shall not apply in the following

1 cases, provided that the school authorities approve of the  
2 presence of the beeper or cellular telephone in each case:

3 (1) A student who is a member of a volunteer fire company,  
4 ambulance or rescue squad.

5 (2) A student who has a need for a beeper or cellular  
6 telephone due to the medical condition of an immediate family  
7 member.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.