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HOUSE BILL 1046

Short Title: No Cell Phones/Pagers in Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Thompson.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT STUDENTS FROM POSSESSING CELLULAR PHONES OR PAGERS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.

In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of education shall have the power or duty:

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(38) To prohibit the possession of cellular phones or paging devices by students. Local boards of education shall adopt rules to prohibit the possession of cellular telephones, other wireless telephones, paging devices, or other wireless communications devices, by students at school during instructional hours. The rules shall provide for the confiscation of devices possessed at school in violation of the rules."

Section 2. G.S. 115C-391(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Local boards of education shall ensure they have clear policies governing the conduct of students. At a minimum, these policies shall state the consequences of violent or assaultive behavior, possessions of weapons, possession of cellular telephones, other wireless telephones, paging devices, or other wireless communications devices during

1 instructional hours, and criminal acts committed on school property or at school-
2 sponsored functions. The State Board shall develop guidelines to assist local boards in
3 this process."

4 Section 3. This act becomes effective August 1, 1999, and applies beginning
5 with the 1999-2000 school year.