1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 Act 252 of 2001 83rd General Assembly SENATE BILL 218 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Senators DeLay, Mahony 6 By: Representative Carson 7 8 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 5-71-227 WHICH MAKES IT 10 11 UNLAWFUL FOR A STUDENT TO POSSESS AN ELECTRONIC PAGING DEVICE, BEEPER, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE 12 ON SCHOOL PROPERTY: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 13 14 **Subtitle** 15 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 5-71-227 16 WHICH MAKES IT UNLAWFUL FOR A STUDENT TO 17 18 POSSESS AN ELECTRONIC PAGING DEVICE, 19 BEEPER, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. 20 21 22 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-71-227 is hereby repealed. 26 5-71-227. Possessi on of paging device, etc., by students. 27 (a) It shall be unlawful for an individual enrolled as a student in a public or private elementary or secondary school or for any individual 28 29 eighteen (18) years of age or younger to possess an electronic paging device, beeper, or similar communications device while on property owned by a public 30 31 or private elementary or secondary school. (b) Violation of this section shall be a Class C misdemeanor. It shall be a 32 33 defense to prosecution under this section that the individual in possession of the paging device, beeper, or similar communications device has been granted 34 an exemption to possess such device by the board of directors of the school or 35 36 school board in which such individual is enrolled as a student. APPROVED:

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