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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1015

TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH POLICIES CONCERNING STUDENT USE OF
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AT SCHOOL.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1015

Amend House Bill No. 1015 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 2 of the bill and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 5, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-515. Use of personal electronic devices.

(a) As used in this section, "personal electronic device" means without limitation a:

(1) Cellular telephone;

(2) Paging device;

(3) Beeper;

(4) Mobile telephone that offers advanced computing and Internet accessibility;

(5) Digital media player;

(6) Portable game console;

(7) Tablet, notebook, or laptop computer;

(8) Digital camera; and

(9) Digital video or audio recorder.

(b) A school district may establish a written student discipline policy and exemptions concerning the possession and use by a student of a personal electronic device:

(1) On school property;

(2) At an after-school activity; or

(3) At a school-related function.

(c) The policy may, without limitation:

(1) Allow or restrict the possession and use of a personal electronic device;

(2) Allow the use of a personal electronic device in school for instructional purposes at the discretion of a teacher or administrator;

(3) Limit the times or locations in which a personal electronic device may be used to make telephone calls, send text messages or e-mails, or engage in other forms of communication;

(4) Allow or prohibit the use of any photographic, audio, or video recording capabilities of a personal electronic device while in school;



(5) Exempt the possession or use of a personal electronic device by a student who is required to use such a device for health or another compelling reason;

(6) Exempt the possession or use of a personal electronic device after normal school hours for extracurricular activities; and

(7) Include other relevant provisions deemed appropriate and necessary by the school district."

The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Harris

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