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A Bill

SENATE BILL 218

5 By: Senators DeLay, Mahony

6 By: Representative Carson

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE 5-71-227 WHICH MAKES IT
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12 DEVICE, BEEPER, OR SIMILAR COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE
13 ON SCHOOL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 5-71-227 is hereby repealed.

26 ~~5-71-227. Possession of paging device, etc., by students.~~

27 ~~(a) It shall be unlawful for an individual enrolled as a student in a~~
28 ~~public or private elementary or secondary school or for any individual~~
29 ~~eighteen (18) years of age or younger to possess an electronic paging device,~~
30 ~~beeper, or similar communications device while on property owned by a public~~
31 ~~or private elementary or secondary school.~~

32 ~~(b) Violation of this section shall be a Class C misdemeanor. It shall~~
33 ~~be a defense to prosecution under this section that the individual in~~
34 ~~possession of the paging device, beeper, or similar communications device has~~
35 ~~been granted an exemption to possess such device by the board of directors of~~
36 ~~the school or school board in which such individual is enrolled as a student.~~