

Senate Bill 336

By: Senators Marable of the 52nd, Dean of the 31st, Walker of the 22nd, Starr of the 44th,
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, so as to provide additional discretion to local school boards regarding exceptions to the prohibition against possession of electronic communication devices by students in school; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 27 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to loitering at or disrupting schools, is amended by striking Code Section 20-2-1183, relating to possession of electronic communication devices by students at school, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"20-2-1183.

(a) No local board of education shall permit any pupil to carry a pocket pager or electronic communication device in school except for health or other ~~unusual reasons approved by the board of education~~ reasons, including but not limited to safety of a student or students. Exceptions other than health or safety shall be listed in the written policies of a local board of education. A local board of education may also grant exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

(b) Any student found in violation of the provisions of this Code section shall be subject to placement in an alternative education program."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.