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House Bill 4991 (Substitute H-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Representative Wayne Kuipers  
House Committee: Education  
Senate Committee: Education

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to allow a school board to adopt its own policy permitting students to carry pocket pagers, electronic communication devices, or other personal communication devices in schools.

Currently, school boards must prohibit pupils from carrying these devices. Under the bill, this prohibition would apply unless a school board or board of directors of a public school academy adopted its own local policy to the contrary. Also, the Code provides that a school board may develop penalties that it considers appropriate for pupils who violate the prohibition. The bill also would allow a board to develop penalties appropriate for violators of its own policy.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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