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**SFA****BILL ANALYSIS**

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Senate Bill 294 (Substitute S-3 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Deborah Cherry  
Committee: Education

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to permit the board of a school district to adopt and implement its own local policy concerning whether pupils could carry pocket pagers, electronic communication devices, or other personal communication devices in school, beginning with the 2004-2005 school year.

Currently, school boards must prohibit pupils from carrying these devices, unless a board approves their use for health or other unusual reasons. Under the bill, this provision would apply until the end of the 2003-2004 school year.

MCL 380.1303

Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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