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Senate Bill 294 (as introduced 3-13-03)  
Sponsor: Senator Deborah Cherry  
Committee: Education

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### **CONTENT**

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

Currently, school boards must prohibit pupils from carrying these devices, unless a board approves their use for health or other unusual reasons. The bill would remove this provision, as well as a provision that permits a board to develop penalties that it considers appropriate for pupils who violate the prohibition.

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Legislative Analyst: Claire Layman

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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