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3 HB4 HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE

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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 To amend Section 16-1-27, Code of Alabama 1975,
14 relating to the use of electronic communication devices on
15 school property; to allow local boards of education to adopt
16 policies permitting students to carry and limiting the use of
17 electronic communication devices on school property.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 16-1-27 of the Code of Alabama
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§16-1-27.

22 (a) ~~No~~ A local board of education ~~shall~~ may permit
23 any pupil to carry a pocket pager, cellular telephone, or
24 other electronic communication device ~~in~~ while on school
25 property and may permit any pupil to use a pocket pager,
26 cellular telephone, or other electronic communication device,
27 when such use is expressly and specifically permitted by the

1 school administrator, teacher, or employee who is acting in a
2 supervisory capacity at the time of the use ~~except for health~~
3 ~~or other extraordinary needs upon approval by the board of~~
4 ~~education.~~

5 (b) Any pupil found in violation of ~~the provisions~~
6 ~~of this section shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by~~
7 ~~the board of education.~~

8 "(c) Each local board of education shall adopt a
9 local policy that ~~is consistent with this section. pertains~~
10 ~~to pocket pagers, cellular telephones, other electronic~~
11 ~~communication devices.~~ "

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.