

SENATE BILL NO. 7—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

OCTOBER 1, 2013

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Prohibits the use of certain electronic communication devices by pupils during certain times while on the premises of a public school. (BDR 34-6)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to pupils; prohibiting pupils from using certain electronic communication devices while on the premises of a public school during regular school hours; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires the board of trustees of each school district to adopt a
2 policy concerning the use and possession by pupils of a pager, cellular telephone or
3 any other similar electronic device used for communication while on the premises
4 of a public school or while at an activity sponsored by a public school. (NRS
5 392.4637) **Section 1** of this bill instead prohibits pupils from using such electronic
6 communication devices while on the premises of a public school during regular
7 school hours and provides specific disciplinary measures that must be taken for
8 violations of that prohibition. **Section 2** of this bill continues to require the board of
9 trustees of each school district to adopt policies concerning the use by pupils of
10 such electronic devices while on the premises of a public school during other times
11 and while at an activity sponsored by the school.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 *1. A pupil shall not use a pager, cellular telephone or any*
4 *other similar electronic device used for communication while on*
5 *the premises of a public school during regular school hours unless*



1 *a teacher or school administrator gives the pupil permission to use*
2 *such a device.*

3 *2. A public school shall discipline a pupil who violates*
4 *subsection 1:*

5 *(a) For a first violation during a school year, by issuing a*
6 *warning to the pupil and confiscating the pager, cellular telephone*
7 *or other similar electronic device used for communication for the*
8 *remainder of the school day.*

9 *(b) For a second violation during a school year, by*
10 *confiscating the pager, cellular telephone or other similar*
11 *electronic device used for communication and requiring the*
12 *parent or legal guardian of the pupil to meet with a school*
13 *administrator before returning the device.*

14 *(c) For any subsequent violation during a school year, by*
15 *suspending the pupil for 2 days.*

16 *3. The board of trustees of each school district shall include*
17 *the disciplinary measures set forth in subsection 2 within each*
18 *copy of the rules of behavior for pupils that the school district*
19 *provides to pupils pursuant to NRS 392.463.*

20 **Sec. 2.** NRS 392.4637 is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 392.4637 1. The board of trustees of each school district shall
22 adopt a policy concerning ~~the use and~~ :

23 *(a) The possession by pupils of a pager, cellular telephone or*
24 *any other similar electronic device used for communication while on*
25 *the premises of a public school ~~for~~ and the use of any such device*
26 *by pupils while on the premises of a public school at any time not*
27 *prohibited pursuant to section 1 of this act; and*

28 *(b) The use and possession by pupils of a pager, cellular*
29 *telephone or any other similar electronic device used for*
30 *communication while at an activity sponsored by a public school.*

31 2. ~~The~~ **Each** policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 must:

32 (a) Prescribe appropriate measures for disciplining a pupil who
33 violates the policy.

34 (b) Be included within each copy of the rules of behavior for
35 pupils that the school district provides to pupils pursuant to
36 NRS 392.463.

37 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on the July 1 immediately
38 following the passage and approval of this act.

