

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 10-20.28 and 34-18.14 and adding Sections 10-20.35  
6 and 34-18.22 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.28) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-20.28)

8 Sec. 10-20.28. Cellular radio telecommunication  
9 prohibition. A school board may ~~to~~ prohibit or regulate the  
10 use or possession of any cellular radio telecommunication  
11 device by any pupil while such pupil is in any school  
12 building or on any school property, during regular school  
13 hours or at any other time, and may ~~to~~ by rule provide for  
14 the imposition of appropriate discipline upon any pupil who  
15 violates such prohibition. ~~Exceptions--may--be--made--by--the~~  
16 ~~school-board-with-the-approval-of-the-school-principal.~~

17 (Source: P.A. 86-1391.)

18 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.14) (from Ch. 122, par. 34-18.14)

19 Sec. 34-18.14. Cellular radio telecommunication  
20 prohibition. The board may ~~shall~~ prohibit or regulate the  
21 use or possession of any cellular radio telecommunication  
22 device by any pupil while such pupil is in any school  
23 building or on any school property, during regular school  
24 hours or at any other time, and may ~~shall~~ by rule provide for  
25 the imposition of appropriate discipline upon any pupil who  
26 violates such prohibition. ~~Exceptions--may--be--made--by--the~~  
27 ~~board-of-education-with-the-approval-of-the-school-principal.~~

28 (Source: P.A. 86-1391.)

29 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.35 new)

1       Sec. 10-20.35. Use of automated telephone answering  
2 equipment.

3       (a) The General Assembly finds that:

4           (1) parents of public school students need to  
5 contact the school from time to time because of family  
6 problems or emergencies;

7           (2) when a person calls a school, that person often  
8 needs to talk to an individual and it is not necessarily  
9 convenient or practical for that person to leave a  
10 message or to follow an automated menu;

11           (3) when a person calls a school because of a  
12 family problem or emergency and receives an automated  
13 operator or an automated menu instead of a live operator,  
14 that person often is not able to adequately receive  
15 assistance; and

16           (4) the number of people calling schools and not  
17 getting the assistance that they require because the  
18 school does not have a live operator answering incoming  
19 phone calls grows by the day.

20       (b) A public school that uses automated telephone  
21 answering equipment to answer incoming telephone calls must,  
22 beginning on July 1, 2003, during the normal business hours  
23 of the school, provide the caller with the option, among the  
24 first set of menu choices, of speaking to a live operator.  
25 This Section does not apply to a telephone line that is  
26 dedicated as a hot line for emergency services or to provide  
27 general information.

28       (105 ILCS 5/34-18.22 new)

29       Sec. 34-18.22. Use of automated telephone answering  
30 equipment.

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33 contact the school from time to time because of family

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7 family problem or emergency and receives an automated  
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22 general information.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.