

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 17
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Impact:	Expands definition punishable by a fine

Research Analysis

SB 17 creates “Bobbi White Act of 2019.” The measure will prohibit drivers from using a handheld electronic communications device while piloting a vehicle in motion in a school zone during normal school hours. The measure allows the use of such a device if it does not require hands to use. Additionally, it amends the definition of an “electronic communications device” to include the ability to manually search the Internet.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure, which adds school zones to the list of places where drivers cannot use a handheld communications device, expands the scope for violations. The penalty for such violations is a fine of not more than \$100. This could increase the revenue for the state agencies which receive portions of fine revenue. The ultimate impact is dependent upon how many individuals are fined and the amount of the fine they are required to pay.

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Other Considerations

None.