



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2007 Senate Bill 442	Senate Amendment 1
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Senate Bill 442 generally prohibits a person operating a school bus or other vehicle transporting pupils from using a cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunications device while the school bus or other vehicle is on the roadway or loading or unloading passengers.

The bill defines “wireless communication device” to mean:

...any two-way radio or citizens band radio or any personal digital assistant or other device while being used by the device’s operator and transmit verbal communications, electronic mail, text messages, or any other electronic communication to one or more persons not physically present with the device’s operator, but does not include any global positioning system device installed in or on a vehicle.

Senate Amendment 1 *deletes* from this definition the term “any two-way radio or citizens band radio” and explicitly provides that the definition does not apply to any two-way radio or citizens band radio.

Legislative History

Senate Bill 442 was introduced by Senator Carpenter and others; cosponsored by Representative Kerkman and others and referred to the Senate Education Committee. Senator Carpenter introduced Senate Amendment 1 on March 6, 2008.

The Senate Education Committee recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2 on March 6, 2008.

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