

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Representative Roberts**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL 1908**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 *"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT DURING THE 1993-94 SCHOOL YEAR THE*  
9 *BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CREATE*  
10 *AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO*  
11 *CONSIDER WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHOULD ADOPT A UNIFORM DRESS*  
12 *CODE FOR STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."*

## **Subtitle**

14 *"TO PROVIDE FOR SCHOOL BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO*  
15 *CONSIDER WHETHER LOCAL DISTRICTS SHOULD ADOPT UNIFORM*  
16 *DRESS CODES FOR STUDENTS."*

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The General Assembly hereby finds and  
22 determines that the clothes and footwear worn by students in the public  
23 schools often preoccupy and distract students from their major purpose for  
24 being in school, that of becoming educated in math, science, English, history,  
25 and other subjects. The Legislature further finds that student competition  
26 over clothes and footwear has, in several instances, led to violence and  
27 injuries during school hours; whereas, in those Arkansas schools that have  
28 adopted a uniform dress code, disparities in student socioeconomic levels are  
29 less obvious and disruptive incidents are less likely to occur.

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31 SECTION 2. During the 1993-94 school year, the board of directors of a  
32 local school district shall create an advisory committee comprised of parents  
33 and students for the purpose of considering whether the district should adopt  
34 a uniform dress code for students. If the advisory committee recommends to  
35 the board that a uniform dress code for students be adopted, the board may

1 refer the issue of a dress code to the qualified electors of the district at  
2 any school election.

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4 SECTION 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the  
5 board of directors of a local school district to adopt a uniform dress code or  
6 to hold an election on the issue.

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8 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
9 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
10 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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12 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
13 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
14 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 act are declared to be severable.

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18 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
19 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Jacqueline Roberts*

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