

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**

# **A Bill**

**ACT 1239 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 2039**

4 **By: Representatives Roberts and Young**

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

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

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## **Subtitle**

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

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

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

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32 SECTION 2. The board of directors of a local school district may create  
33 an advisory committee comprised of parents and students for the purpose of  
34 considering whether the district should adopt a uniform dress code for  
35 students. If the advisory committee recommends to the board that a uniform  
36 dress code for students be adopted, the board may refer the issue of a dress

1 code to the qualified electors of the district at any school election.

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

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

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

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

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*/s/Rep. Roberts, et al*

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