

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
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A Bill

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

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

SECTION 2. *The board of directors of a local school district may create an advisory committee comprised of parents and students for the purpose of considering whether the district should adopt a uniform dress code for students. If the advisory committee recommends to the board that a*

1 uniform dress code for students be adopted, the board may refer the issue of
2 a dress code to the qualified electors of the district at any school
3 election.

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

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

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

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20 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Roberts, et al

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