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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1904

4  
5 By: Representative Roberts

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-102 TO  
10 REQUIRE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL REFER  
11 CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHOULD ADOPT A  
12 UNIFORM DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON  
13 PERSONNEL POLICIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

16 "REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REFER  
17 CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER THE DISTRICT  
18 SHOULD ADOPT A UNIFORM DRESS CODE FOR  
19 STUDENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL  
20 POLICIES."

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-102 is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 "6-18-102. ~~Legislative findings~~ Uniform dress code.

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

36 (b)(1) The board of directors of a local school district ~~may create an~~

1 ~~advisory committee composed of parents and students for the purpose of~~  
 2 ~~considering shall refer consideration of whether the district should adopt a~~  
 3 ~~uniform dress code for students to the district's committee on personnel~~  
 4 ~~policies established under A.C.A. § 6-17-203, which, for this limited purpose,~~  
 5 ~~shall include as voting members five (5) parents and five (5) students~~  
 6 ~~appointed by the district board of directors.~~

7 (2) If ~~the advisory such committee on personnel policies~~  
 8 recommends to the board that a uniform dress code for students be adopted, the  
 9 board may refer the issue of a dress code to the qualified electors of the  
 10 district at any school election.

11 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the board  
 12 of directors of a local school district to adopt a uniform dress code or to  
 13 hold an election on the issue."  
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15 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
 16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
 17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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19 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 22 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 23 act are declared to be severable.  
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25 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
 26 hereby repealed.  
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