

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2054

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5 By: Representative Roberts

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-102 TO
10 REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO CREATE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
11 COMPOSED OF PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO CONSIDER WHETHER A
12 DISTRICT SHOULD ADOPT A UNIFORM DRESS CODE; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AMENDING A.C.A. § 6-18-102 TO REQUIRE
16 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO CREATE ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEES TO CONSIDER WHETHER A
18 DISTRICT SHOULD ADOPT A UNIFORM DRESS
19 CODE."

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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~~ shall

1 create an advisory committee composed of parents and students for the purpose
2 of considering whether the district should adopt a uniform dress code for
3 students.

4 (2) If the advisory committee recommends to the board that a
5 uniform dress code for students be adopted, the board may refer the issue of a
6 dress code to the qualified electors of the district at any school election.

7 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the board
8 of directors of a local school district to adopt a uniform dress code or to
9 hold an election on the issue."

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11 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
12 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
13 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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