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SYNOPSIS

Provides that public school dress code policy will apply to all schools within school district and requires written distribution of dress code to students and parents.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning public school dress codes and supplementing
2 chapter 11 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Any dress code policy concerning appropriate standards
8 of dress for students in a public school shall be established by a
9 board of education at the school district level and shall apply to all
10 schools within the school district. The board of education shall
11 provide a written copy of the dress code policy to the students and
12 their parents or guardians at least three months before the dress
13 code is implemented.

14 b. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the adoption of a dress
15 code policy which requires that students wear a school uniform in
16 an individual school pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1996, c.93
17 (C.18A:11-8).

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19 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
20 following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill provides that any dress code policy concerning
26 appropriate standards of dress for students in a public school must
27 be established by a board of education at the school district level
28 and will apply to all schools within the school district. The bill also
29 requires a board of education to provide a written copy of its dress
30 code policy to the students and their parents or guardians at least
31 three months before the dress code is implemented. The bill does
32 not affect the ability of a board of education to adopt a policy that
33 requires students to wear a school uniform in an individual school
34 pursuant to the process established under section 2 of P.L.1996,
35 c.93 (C.18A:11-8).