



ENGROSSED 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 824

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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 118.035 of the statutes; **relating to:** school uniforms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Engrossment information:

The text of Engrossed 1995 Assembly Bill 824 consists of the following documents adopted in the assembly on March 20, 1996: the bill as affected by Assembly Amendments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The text also includes the March 22, 1996, chief clerk's correction to Assembly Amendment 7.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 118.035 of the statutes is created to read:

3 **118.035 School uniforms.** (1) In this section, "pupils enrolled" includes
4 pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district.

5 (2) A school board may adopt a policy that requires all pupils enrolled in the
6 school district, or all pupils enrolled in one or more schools in the school district, to
7 wear a uniform in school.

8 (3) If a school board adopts a policy under sub. (2), it shall do all of the following:

9 (a) Establish a method whereby the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in
10 a school in which the policy is in effect may exempt his or her child from complying
11 with the policy.

1 (b) Ensure that no pupil is penalized academically or otherwise discriminated
2 against because the pupil's parent or guardian has chosen to exempt the pupil from
3 complying with the policy.

4 (c) Notify each parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in a school in which the
5 policy will be implemented of the policy at least 6 months before the school board
6 implements the policy.

7 (d) Assist economically disadvantaged pupils to purchase the uniforms.

8 **(3m)** The requirements under sub. (3) do not apply to any school board that has
9 in effect on the effective date of this subsection ... [revisor inserts date], a school
10 uniform policy for pupils enrolled in the school district and has had such a policy in
11 effect continuously since that date.

12 **(4)** By July 1, 1999, the department shall submit a report to the appropriate
13 standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3). The report shall address
14 all of the following issues relating to the imposition of school uniforms by school
15 boards:

16 (a) Methods of encouraging the involvement of parents in a school board's
17 decision to require school uniforms.

18 (b) State and federal constitutional concerns raised by the imposition of the
19 requirement.

20 (c) The ability of pupils to purchase the uniforms.

21 (d) The effect of the imposition of the requirement on crime in the school,
22 including weapons possession, assault, battery and vandalism and on pupil
23 suspensions and expulsions.

24 **(END)**