

1999 SENATE BILL 76

March 4, 1999 – Introduced by Senator GEORGE, cosponsored by Representatives YOUNG, COLON and RILEY. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 119.04 (1) and 120.13 (1) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 118.045 of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** school uniforms.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes a school board to adopt rules pertaining to the dress of pupils. This bill requires a school board to adopt a policy that requires pupils enrolled in the school district (including pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district) to wear a uniform in school. The policy may allow a parent or guardian to exempt his or her child from the policy. In addition, the school board must give parents and guardians at least six months' written notice before implementing the policy and must assist economically disadvantaged pupils to purchase the uniforms.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 SECTION 1. 118.045 of the statutes is created to read:
4 **118.045 School uniforms.** (1) In this section, “pupils enrolled” includes
5 pupils enrolled in charter schools located in the school district.

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1 **(2)** The school board shall adopt a policy that requires pupils enrolled in the
2 school district to wear a uniform in school. The school board shall notify in writing
3 each parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school district of the policy at least
4 6 months before the school board implements the policy and shall assist economically
5 disadvantaged pupils to purchase the uniforms.

6 **(3)** The school board may, in adopting a policy under sub. (2), establish a
7 method whereby the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in the school district may
8 exempt his or her child from complying with the policy.

9 **SECTION 2.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **119.04 (1)** Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.03 (3) (c),
11 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.361, 115.38
12 (2), 115.45, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.045, 118.06, 118.07, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125 to
13 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18,
14 118.19, 118.20, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6) and (8), 118.245, 118.255, 118.258, 118.30
15 to 118.43, 118.51, 118.52, 118.55, 120.12 (5) and (15) to (25), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2)
16 (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34) and (35) and 120.14 are applicable to a 1st
17 class city school district and board.

18 **SECTION 3.** 120.13 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 **120.13 (1)** (a) (intro.) Make rules for the organization, gradation and
20 government of the schools of the school district, including rules pertaining to conduct
21 and dress of pupils in order to maintain good decorum and a favorable academic
22 atmosphere, which shall take effect when approved by a majority of the school board
23 and filed with the school district clerk. Subject to 20 USC 1415 (k), the school board
24 shall adopt a code to govern pupils' classroom conduct beginning in the 1999–2000
25 school year. The code shall be developed in consultation with a committee of school

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1 district residents that consists of parents, pupils, members of the school board, school
2 administrators, teachers, pupil services professionals and other residents of the
3 school district who are appointed to the committee by the school board. The code of
4 classroom conduct may provide different standards of conduct for different schools
5 and may provide additional placement options under s. 118.164 (3). The code shall
6 include all of the following:

7 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

8 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after
9 publication.

10 (END)