

HOUSE BILL No. 1119

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Citations Affected: IC 9-24; IC 20-8.1; noncode.

Synopsis: Matters concerning school students. Requires a person under age 18 who wishes to obtain a drivers' license or a learners' permit to have at least a C grade point average (or the numeric equivalent) or to have passed the person's most recent ISTEP test. Requires a student who wishes to obtain an employment certificate to have at least a grade point average of C (or the numeric equivalent) for the most recent grading period and to maintain a C grade point average and school attendance to retain the certificate. Requires certain urban school corporations to adopt and implement a school uniform policy that designates a school uniform that students must wear when attending school. Requires the school uniform policy to allow a parent to obtain an exemption for the parent's child from wearing a school uniform. Makes provision for assisting students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch to acquire school uniforms at no cost to the school
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Moses, Pond

January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.
January 27, 1998, reported — Do Pass.
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corporation. Provides that in Allen County the exit interview for a student who wishes to withdraw from school and who is under the jurisdiction of a court having juvenile jurisdiction or a juvenile court sponsored alternative program must be personally attended by the student, the student's parent or guardian, a representative of the school's principal, and a representative of the juvenile court or the juvenile court sponsored program. (Current law requires attendance by the student, the student's parent or guardian, a representative of the school, and the school's principal.) Makes corresponding changes to a related section.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-24-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.132-1995,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) A driver's license or a learner's permit
4 may not be issued to an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age
5 who meets any of the following conditions:
6 (1) Is a habitual truant under IC 20-8.1-3-17.2.
7 (2) Is under at least a second suspension from school for the
8 school year under IC 20-8.1-5.1-8 or IC 20-8.1-5.1-9.
9 (3) Is under an expulsion from school under IC 20-8.1-5.1-8,
10 IC 20-8.1-5.1-9, or IC 20-8.1-5.1-10.
11 (4) Has withdrawn from school, for a reason other than financial
12 hardship and the withdrawal was reported under
13 IC 20-8.1-3-24(a) before graduating.
14 (5) **Has a grade point average of less than C (or the numeric**
15 **equivalent), unless the individual received a passing score on**

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1 **the most recent ISTEP test under IC 20-10.1-16 that the**
 2 **individual was required to take.**

3 (b) At least five (5) days before holding an exit interview under
 4 IC 20-8.1-3-17(b)(2), the school corporation shall give notice by
 5 certified mail or personal delivery to the student, the student's parent,
 6 or the student's guardian of the following:

7 (1) That the exit interview will include a hearing to determine if
 8 the reason for the student's withdrawal is financial hardship.

9 (2) If the principal determines that the reason for the student's
 10 withdrawal is not financial hardship:

11 (A) the student and the student's parent or guardian will
 12 receive a copy of the determination; and

13 (B) the student's name will be submitted to the bureau for the
 14 bureau's use in denying or invalidating a driver's license or
 15 learner's permit under this section.

16 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-9-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 17 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 18 1, 1998]: **Sec. 7. An individual less than eighteen (18) years of age**
 19 **who applies for a permit or license under this chapter must submit**
 20 **with the application:**

21 (1) a certified copy of the individual's school transcript; and
 22 (2) if the transcript shows that the individual has a grade
 23 point average of less than C (or the numeric equivalent), a
 24 certified copy from the individual's school corporation
 25 showing that the individual received a passing score on the
 26 most recent ISTEP test under IC 20-10.1-16 that the
 27 individual was required to take.

28 SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 29 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 1998]:

31 **Chapter 14. School Uniform Policy**

32 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a school corporation where the**
 33 **majority of the students enrolled in the school corporation are**
 34 **residents of a city having a population of more than eighty**
 35 **thousand (80,000).**

36 **Sec. 2. The governing body of a school corporation shall adopt**
 37 **and implement a school uniform policy for students enrolled in the**
 38 **school corporation in kindergarten through grade 12.**

39 **Sec. 3. The school uniform policy adopted under this chapter**
 40 **must do the following:**

41 (1) Subject to subdivisions (2) and (4), designate for the school
 42 corporation a school uniform that students must wear at

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1 reasonable times when attending school. The school uniform
 2 may vary among the different schools in the school
 3 corporation.

4 (2) Allow a parent to apply for and receive for the parent's
 5 child an exemption from wearing a school uniform.

6 (3) Provide that a student who receives an exemption under
 7 subdivision (2) may not be:

8 (A) penalized academically;

9 (B) denied school admission or attendance; or

10 (C) otherwise discriminated against.

11 (4) Allow a student who participates in a nationally
 12 recognized youth organization to wear the youth organization
 13 uniform to school on a day that the organization has a
 14 scheduled meeting.

15 (5) Provide for the enforcement of the school uniform policy.

16 Sec. 4. (a) The school uniform policy must be clearly written.

17 (b) The school uniform must be reasonably designed to achieve
 18 the following purposes:

19 (1) Foster the educational process by providing a school
 20 environment that does the following:

21 (A) Focuses on the classroom and on the learning process.

22 (B) Improves student behavior.

23 (C) Promotes school pride.

24 (D) Reduces distractions.

25 (2) Provide a safer and more secure school environment.

26 (3) Promote parental and community involvement in the
 27 schools.

28 Sec. 5. Before a governing body adopts a school uniform policy
 29 under this chapter, the governing body must do the following:

30 (1) Consult with teachers, principals, parents, students, school
 31 and community organizations, and vendors about:

32 (A) the proposed school uniform policy;

33 (B) the components and design of the proposed school
 34 uniform; and

35 (C) programs that are designed to assist students who are
 36 eligible for free or reduced price school lunches in
 37 obtaining free or reduced price school uniforms at no
 38 expense to the school corporation.

39 (2) Hold a public hearing on the proposed school uniform
 40 policy and school uniform.

41 Sec. 6. The governing body shall establish or ensure the
 42 establishment of a program to assist students who are eligible for

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1 free or reduced price school lunches in obtaining school uniforms
 2 free or at a reduced cost. The program may:

- 3 (1) not require expenditures by the school corporation of
 4 money acquired from state or local taxes; and
 5 (2) be provided by an individual or organization other than
 6 the school corporation.

7 **Sec. 7.** At least one (1) month before the beginning of a school
 8 year when the school uniform policy is in effect, a school
 9 corporation shall give written notice to the parent of a student who
 10 is required to wear a school uniform. The written notice must
 11 contain the following information:

- 12 (1) The requirements of the school uniform policy.
 13 (2) The specifications of the school uniform.
 14 (3) Procedures, prices, vendors, and other useful information
 15 for obtaining school uniforms.
 16 (4) The availability of an exemption from the dress code.
 17 (5) The availability of free or reduced price school uniforms
 18 for students who are also eligible for free or reduced price
 19 school lunches.
 20 (6) Other information that may be useful to students and
 21 parents.

22 **Sec. 8.** A school uniform designated under this chapter is
 23 considered clothing for purposes of IC 12-20 for students who are
 24 enrolled in a school having a designated school uniform.

25 SECTION 4. IC 20-8.1-3-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 17. (a) Subject to the
 27 specific exceptions under this chapter, each individual shall attend
 28 either a public school which the individual is entitled to attend under
 29 IC 20-8.1-6.1 or some other school which is taught in the English
 30 language.

31 (b) An individual is bound by the requirements of this chapter from
 32 the earlier of the date on which the individual officially enrolls in a
 33 school or, except as provided in subsection (h), the beginning of the fall
 34 school term for the school year in which the individual becomes seven
 35 (7) years of age until the date on which the individual:

- 36 (1) graduates;
 37 (2) reaches at least sixteen (16) years of age but who is less than
 38 eighteen (18) years of age and the requirements under subsection
 39 (j) or section 17.6 of this chapter concerning an exit interview
 40 are met enabling the individual to withdraw from school before
 41 graduation; or
 42 (3) reaches at least eighteen (18) years of age;



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- 1 whichever occurs first.
- 2 (c) An individual who:
- 3 (1) enrolls in school before the fall school term for the school year
- 4 in which the individual becomes seven (7) years of age; and
- 5 (2) is withdrawn from school before the school year described in
- 6 subdivision (1) occurs;
- 7 is not subject to the requirements of this chapter until the individual is
- 8 reenrolled as required in subsection (b). Nothing in this section shall
- 9 be construed to require that a child complete grade 1 before the child
- 10 reaches eight (8) years of age.
- 11 (d) An individual for whom education is compulsory under this
- 12 section shall attend school each year:
- 13 (1) for the number of days public schools are in session in the
- 14 school corporation in which the individual is enrolled in Indiana;
- 15 or
- 16 (2) if the individual is enrolled outside Indiana, for the number of
- 17 days the public schools are in session where the individual is
- 18 enrolled.
- 19 (e) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) through (d), an
- 20 individual must be at least five (5) years of age on:
- 21 (1) July 1 of the 1991-92 school year; or
- 22 (2) June 1 of the 1992-93 school year or any subsequent school
- 23 year;
- 24 to officially enroll in a kindergarten program offered by a school
- 25 corporation. However, subject to subsection (g), the governing body of
- 26 the school corporation shall adopt a procedure affording a parent of an
- 27 individual who does not meet the minimum age requirement set forth
- 28 in this subsection the right to appeal to the superintendent of the school
- 29 corporation for enrollment of the individual in kindergarten at an age
- 30 earlier than the age that is set forth in this subsection.
- 31 (f) In addition to the requirements of subsections (a) through (e),
- 32 and subject to subsection (g), if an individual enrolls in school as
- 33 permitted under subsection (b) and has not attended kindergarten, the
- 34 superintendent of the school corporation shall make a determination as
- 35 to whether the individual shall enroll in kindergarten or grade 1 based
- 36 on the particular model assessment adopted by the governing body
- 37 under subsection (g).
- 38 (g) To assist the principal and governing bodies, the department
- 39 shall do the following:
- 40 (1) Establish guidelines to assist each governing body in
- 41 establishing a procedure for making appeals to the superintendent
- 42 of the school corporation under subsection (e).

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- 1 (2) Establish criteria by which a governing body may adopt a
 2 model assessment which will be utilized in making the
 3 determination under subsection (f).
 4 (h) If the parents of an individual who would otherwise be subject
 5 to compulsory school attendance under subsection (b), upon request of
 6 the superintendent of the school corporation, certify to the
 7 superintendent of the school corporation that the parents intend to:
 8 (1) enroll the individual in a nonaccredited, nonpublic school; or
 9 (2) begin providing the individual with instruction equivalent to
 10 that given in the public schools as permitted under
 11 ~~IC 20-8.1-3-34~~; **section 34 of this chapter**;
 12 not later than the date on which the individual reaches seven (7) years
 13 of age, the individual is not bound by the requirements of this chapter
 14 until the individual reaches seven (7) years of age.
 15 (i) The governing body of each school corporation shall designate
 16 the appropriate employees of the school corporation to conduct the exit
 17 interviews for students described in subsection (b)(2). **Except as**
 18 **provided in section 17.6 of this chapter**, each exit interview must be
 19 personally attended by:
 20 (1) the student's parent or guardian;
 21 (2) the student;
 22 (3) each designated appropriate school employee; and
 23 (4) the student's principal.
 24 (j) **Except as provided in section 17.6 of this chapter**, a student
 25 who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18)
 26 years of age is bound by the requirements of compulsory school
 27 attendance and may not withdraw from school before graduation
 28 unless:
 29 (1) the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the principal
 30 agree to the withdrawal; and
 31 (2) at the exit interview, the student provides written
 32 ~~acknowledgement~~ **acknowledgment** of the withdrawal and the
 33 student's parent or guardian and the school principal each provide
 34 written consent for the student to withdraw from school.
 35 (k) For the purposes of this section, "school year" has the meaning
 36 set forth in IC 21-2-12-3(j).
 37 SECTION 5. IC 20-8.1-3-17.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 38 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 39 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 17.6. (a) This section applies only**
 40 **to a county having a population of more than three hundred**
 41 **thousand (300,000) but less than four hundred thousand (400,000).**
 42 (b) Notwithstanding section 17(i) of this chapter, the exit

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1 interview for a student who is at least sixteen (16) years of age but
 2 less than eighteen (18) years of age who is under the jurisdiction of
 3 a juvenile court or a juvenile court sponsored alternative program
 4 may be conducted at a location specified by the juvenile court or
 5 the juvenile court sponsored alternative program and must be
 6 personally attended by:

- 7 (1) the student's parent or guardian;
 8 (2) the student;
 9 (3) a designated representative of the principal of the school
 10 in which the student is or should be enrolled; and
 11 (4) a designated representative of the juvenile court or the
 12 juvenile court sponsored alternative program.

13 (c) Notwithstanding section 17(j) of this chapter, a student who
 14 is at least sixteen (16) years of age but less than eighteen (18) years
 15 of age who is under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court or a juvenile
 16 court sponsored alternative program is bound by the requirements
 17 of compulsory school attendance and may not withdraw from
 18 school before graduation unless:

- 19 (1) the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the
 20 designated representative of the juvenile court or the juvenile
 21 court sponsored alternative program agree to the withdrawal;
 22 and
 23 (2) at the exit interview, the student provides written
 24 acknowledgment of the withdrawal and the student's parent
 25 or guardian and the designated representative of the juvenile
 26 court or the juvenile court sponsored alternative program
 27 each provide written consent for the student to withdraw
 28 from school.

29 SECTION 6. IC 20-8.1-4-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 12. (a) Upon
 31 presentation of the documents required by section 7 of this chapter **and**
 32 **if the child has a grade point average of C or higher (or the**
 33 **numeric equivalent) for the most recent grading period before the**
 34 **date the child wishes to receive an employment certificate,** an
 35 employment certificate shall be issued immediately to the child.
 36 However, an issuing officer may deny a certificate to a child

- 37 (†) whose attendance is not in good standing. ~~or~~
 38 (2) whose academic performance does not meet the school
 39 corporation's standard.

40 (b) Within five (5) days, the issuing officer shall send a copy of the
 41 employment certificate to the department of labor. The issuing officer
 42 shall keep a record in his office of each employment certificate issued.



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1 (c) A student may appeal the denial of a certificate under subsection
2 (a) to the school principal.

3 SECTION 7. IC 20-8.1-4-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 32. (a) An employment
5 certificate issued under this chapter ~~may~~ **must** be revoked by the
6 issuing officer if the issuing officer determines that ~~there has been a~~
7 ~~significant decrease in any of the following~~ since the issuance of the
8 permit **at least one (1) of the following has occurred:**

9 (1) The student's grade point average **for a grading period is not**
10 **C or higher (or the numeric equivalent).**

11 (2) **A significant decrease in** the student's attendance at school
12 **has occurred.**

13 (b) A student whose employment certificate is revoked under
14 subsection (a) is entitled to a periodic review of the student's grade
15 record or attendance record, or both, to determine whether the
16 revocation should continue. A periodic review may not be conducted
17 less than one (1) time each school year.

18 (c) If upon review the issuing officer determines that:

19 (1) the student's grade point average **is C or higher (or the**
20 **numeric equivalent);** or

21 (2) **the student's grade point average is C or higher (or the**
22 **numeric equivalent) and the student's attendance** ~~or both,~~ **have**
23 **has improved substantially;**

24 the issuing officer may reissue an employment certificate to the
25 student.

26 (d) A student may appeal the revocation of an employment
27 certificate under subsection (a) or the refusal to reissue an employment
28 certificate under subsection (c) to the school principal.

29 (e) An issuing officer who revokes an employment certificate shall
30 immediately send written notice of the revocation to the child's
31 employer.

32 SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) **The governing body**
33 **of a school corporation shall adopt and implement a school**
34 **uniform policy under IC 20-8.1-14, as added by this act, not later**
35 **than the beginning day of the 1999-2000 school year.**

36 (b) **This SECTION expires January 1, 2001.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1119, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

ROBERTSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1119 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 9-24-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.132-1995, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) A driver's license or a learner's permit may not be issued to an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age who meets any of the following conditions:

- (1) Is a habitual truant under IC 20-8.1-3-17.2.
- (2) Is under at least a second suspension from school for the school year under IC 20-8.1-5.1-8 or IC 20-8.1-5.1-9.
- (3) Is under an expulsion from school under IC 20-8.1-5.1-8, IC 20-8.1-5.1-9, or IC 20-8.1-5.1-10.
- (4) Has withdrawn from school, for a reason other than financial hardship and the withdrawal was reported under IC 20-8.1-3-24(a) before graduating.
- (5) Has a grade point average of less than C (or the numeric equivalent), unless the individual received a passing score on the most recent ISTEP test under IC 20-10.1-16 that the individual was required to take.**

(b) At least five (5) days before holding an exit interview under IC 20-8.1-3-17(b)(2), the school corporation shall give notice by certified mail or personal delivery to the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian of the following:

- (1) That the exit interview will include a hearing to determine if the reason for the student's withdrawal is financial hardship.
- (2) If the principal determines that the reason for the student's withdrawal is not financial hardship:
 - (A) the student and the student's parent or guardian will receive a copy of the determination; and
 - (B) the student's name will be submitted to the bureau for the bureau's use in denying or invalidating a driver's license or learner's permit under this section.

SECTION 2. IC 9-24-9-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: **Sec. 7. An individual less than eighteen (18) years of age who applies for a permit or license under this chapter must submit with the application:**

- (1) a certified copy of the individual's school transcript; and**
- (2) if the transcript shows that the individual has a grade**



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point average of less than C (or the numeric equivalent), a certified copy from the individual's school corporation showing that the individual received a passing score on the most recent ISTEP test under IC 20-10.1-16 that the individual was required to take."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to House Bill 1119 as printed January 28, 1998.)

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HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1119 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, after line 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 3. IC 20-8.1-4-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 12. (a) Upon presentation of the documents required by section 7 of this chapter **and if the child has a grade point average of C or higher (or the numeric equivalent) for the most recent grading period before the date the child wishes to receive an employment certificate**, an employment certificate shall be issued immediately to the child. However, an issuing officer may deny a certificate to a child

(1) whose attendance is not in good standing. ~~or~~

(2) ~~whose academic performance does not meet the school corporation's standard.~~

(b) Within five (5) days, the issuing officer shall send a copy of the employment certificate to the department of labor. The issuing officer shall keep a record in his office of each employment certificate issued.

(c) A student may appeal the denial of a certificate under subsection (a) to the school principal.

SECTION 4. IC 20-8.1-4-32 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 32. (a) An employment certificate issued under this chapter ~~may~~ **must** be revoked by the issuing officer if the issuing officer determines that ~~there has been a significant decrease in any of the following~~ since the issuance of the permit **at least one (1) of the following has occurred:**

(1) The student's grade point average **for a grading period is not C or higher (or the numeric equivalent).**

(2) **A significant decrease in** the student's attendance at school



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has occurred.

(b) A student whose employment certificate is revoked under subsection (a) is entitled to a periodic review of the student's grade record or attendance record, or both, to determine whether the revocation should continue. A periodic review may not be conducted less than one (1) time each school year.

(c) If upon review the issuing officer determines that:

(1) the student's grade point average is C or higher (or the numeric equivalent); or

(2) the student's grade point average is C or higher (or the numeric equivalent) and the student's attendance or both, have has improved substantially;

the issuing officer may reissue an employment certificate to the student.

(d) A student may appeal the revocation of an employment certificate under subsection (a) or the refusal to reissue an employment certificate under subsection (c) to the school principal.

(e) An issuing officer who revokes an employment certificate shall immediately send written notice of the revocation to the child's employer."

(Reference is to House Bill 1119 as printed January 28, 1998.)

ROBERTSON

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1119 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 20-8.1-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]:

Chapter 14. School Uniform Policy

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to a school corporation where the majority of the students enrolled in the school corporation are residents of a city having a population of more than eighty thousand (80,000).

Sec. 2. The governing body of a school corporation shall adopt and implement a school uniform policy for students enrolled in the



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school corporation in kindergarten through grade 12.

Sec. 3. The school uniform policy adopted under this chapter must do the following:

- (1) Subject to subdivisions (2) and (4), designate for the school corporation a school uniform that students must wear at reasonable times when attending school. The school uniform may vary among the different schools in the school corporation.
- (2) Allow a parent to apply for and receive for the parent's child an exemption from wearing a school uniform.
- (3) Provide that a student who receives an exemption under subdivision (2) may not be:
 - (A) penalized academically;
 - (B) denied school admission or attendance; or
 - (C) otherwise discriminated against.
- (4) Allow a student who participates in a nationally recognized youth organization to wear the youth organization uniform to school on a day that the organization has a scheduled meeting.
- (5) Provide for the enforcement of the school uniform policy.

Sec. 4. (a) The school uniform policy must be clearly written.

(b) The school uniform must be reasonably designed to achieve the following purposes:

- (1) Foster the educational process by providing a school environment that does the following:
 - (A) Focuses on the classroom and on the learning process.
 - (B) Improves student behavior.
 - (C) Promotes school pride.
 - (D) Reduces distractions.
- (2) Provide a safer and more secure school environment.
- (3) Promote parental and community involvement in the schools.

Sec. 5. Before a governing body adopts a school uniform policy under this chapter, the governing body must do the following:

- (1) Consult with teachers, principals, parents, students, school and community organizations, and vendors about:
 - (A) the proposed school uniform policy;
 - (B) the components and design of the proposed school uniform; and
 - (C) programs that are designed to assist students who are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches in obtaining free or reduced price school uniforms at no



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expense to the school corporation.

- (2) Hold a public hearing on the proposed school uniform policy and school uniform.

Sec. 6. The governing body shall establish or ensure the establishment of a program to assist students who are eligible for free or reduced price school lunches in obtaining school uniforms free or at a reduced cost. The program may:

- (1) not require expenditures by the school corporation of money acquired from state or local taxes; and
- (2) be provided by an individual or organization other than the school corporation.

Sec. 7. At least one (1) month before the beginning of a school year when the school uniform policy is in effect, a school corporation shall give written notice to the parent of a student who is required to wear a school uniform. The written notice must contain the following information:

- (1) The requirements of the school uniform policy.
- (2) The specifications of the school uniform.
- (3) Procedures, prices, vendors, and other useful information for obtaining school uniforms.
- (4) The availability of an exemption from the dress code.
- (5) The availability of free or reduced price school uniforms for students who are also eligible for free or reduced price school lunches.
- (6) Other information that may be useful to students and parents.

Sec. 8. A school uniform designated under this chapter is considered clothing for purposes of IC 12-20 for students who are enrolled in a school having a designated school uniform."

Page 4, after line 29, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) The governing body of a school corporation shall adopt and implement a school uniform policy under IC 20-8.1-14, as added by this act, not later than the beginning day of the 1999-2000 school year.

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2001."

Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to House Bill 1119 as printed January 28, 1998.)

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