

SENATE BILL NO. 43

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 1/17/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a dress code for public schools."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.03.135. School dress code.** (a) A governing body may adopt a
5 reasonable dress code that requires a student attending public school in the district to
6 wear a uniform or that prohibits a student from wearing specified clothing if the
7 governing body determines that the policy is necessary for the health and safety of the
8 students or teachers of the district.

9 (b) A dress code that requires students to wear a uniform may not be
10 implemented unless the governing body

11 (1) provides at least six months notice to the student body and to
12 parents of students in the district;

13 (2) determines that financial resources are available to assist
14 economically disadvantaged students;

15 (3) includes in it a provision allowing parents to exclude their children

1 from the dress code; and

2 (4) includes in it a provision that a student may not be academically
3 penalized or otherwise discriminated against if the student is excepted from the
4 uniform requirement under (3) of this subsection.

5 (c) A dress code adopted under this section may not preclude students who
6 participate in a nationally recognized youth organization from wearing organization
7 uniforms on days when the organization has a scheduled meeting.