

SENATE BILL NO. 11

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

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 1/16/07

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Community and Regional Affairs, 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 shall adopt a
5 reasonable dress code that requires a student attending grades kindergarten through
6 eight in a public school in the district to wear a uniform. The dress code may also
7 prohibit a student from wearing specified clothing if the governing body determines
8 the prohibition is necessary for the health and safety of the students or teachers of the
9 district.

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

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

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

1 (3) includes in it a provision allowing parents to exclude their children
2 from the dress code; and

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

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

9 (d) A governing body may adopt a reasonable dress code consistent with this
10 section for students attending grades nine through 12 in a public school in the district.