

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 11

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 2/21/07

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 six
6 in a public elementary school in the district to wear a uniform. The dress code may
7 also prohibit a student from wearing specified clothing if the governing body
8 determines the prohibition is necessary for the health and safety of the students or
9 teachers of the 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 a public school in the district in grades seven through
11 12, and in grade six if the students in grade six attend a school that is not a public
12 elementary school.

13 (e) In this section, "public elementary school" means a public school that
14 consists of grades kindergarten through six or any combination of those grades within
15 this range.