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1 AN ACT Relating to school uniform policy; and creating new
2 sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the wearing of
5 uniforms by students can play a positive role in the public schools.
6 School uniforms can build student self-esteem and increase school
7 pride, improve discipline and grades, and help focus student attention
8 on education. It is the intent of the legislature to encourage school
9 districts to consider adopting district-wide school uniform policies.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The superintendent of public instruction,
11 in consultation with the Washington state school directors'
12 association, state-wide organizations representing parents, and other
13 interested organizations, shall gather and summarize existing research
14 regarding uniforms and the effect of a student uniform policy on
15 student discipline, grades, and other indicators of educational
16 success. This information shall be made available to school district
17 boards of directors by December 1, 1996.

1 (2) Each school district board of directors shall address the issue
2 of whether the district should have a district-wide student uniform
3 policy. Parents shall be consulted in this deliberation and a public
4 hearing shall be held before September 1, 1997.

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