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By Representatives Cairnes, Cole, O'Brien, Keiser, Blalock, Dickerson, Sullivan, Quall, Hickel, Mitchell and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to schools with special standards; and amending RCW  
2 28A.320.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.320.140 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 612 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) School district boards of directors may establish schools or  
7 programs which parents may choose for their children to attend in  
8 which: (a) Students are required to conform to dress and grooming  
9 codes, including requiring that students wear uniforms; (b) parents are  
10 required to participate in the student's education; or (c) discipline  
11 requirements are more stringent than in other schools in the district.

12 (2) School district boards of directors may establish schools or  
13 programs in which: (a) Students are required to conform to dress and  
14 grooming codes, including requiring that students wear uniforms; (b)  
15 parents are regularly counseled and encouraged to participate in the  
16 student's education; or (c) discipline requirements are more stringent  
17 than in other schools in the district. School boards may require that  
18 students who are subject to suspension or expulsion attend these

1 schools or programs as a condition of continued enrollment in the  
2 school district.

3       (3) Parental participation requirements, as established under  
4 subsection (1)(b) of this section, may include, but are not limited to,  
5 a written commitment by the parent or guardian of the child to assist  
6 the child with his or her assignments, read to the child on a regular  
7 basis, or participate regularly in school-related activities. If the  
8 school district board of directors adopts a parental participation  
9 requirement, the parental participation policy must also include  
10 options and a waiver for parents who are unable to participate. The  
11 parental participation requirement shall not be a condition, explicit  
12 or implicit, to any student's participation in the school or program.  
13 To the maximum extent possible, school districts' goals of racial and  
14 ethnic diversity must be achieved in all parental participation  
15 programs.

16       (4) If students are required to wear uniforms in these programs or  
17 schools, school districts shall accommodate students so that the  
18 uniform requirement is not an unfair barrier to school attendance and  
19 participation.

20       (~~(4)~~) (5) Nothing in this section impairs or reduces in any  
21 manner whatsoever the authority of a board under other law to impose a  
22 dress and appearance code. However, if a board requires uniforms under  
23 such other authority, it shall accommodate students so that the uniform  
24 requirement is not an unfair barrier to school attendance and  
25 participation.

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