
SENATE BILL 5117

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By Senators Hochstatter, Fraser, Johnson and Winsley

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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) If the school board adopts a parental participation
4 requirement, the school board shall adopt policies waiving that
5 requirement for parents who indicate they are unable to participate.
6 The parental participation requirement shall not be a condition,
7 explicit or implicit, to any student's participation in the school or
8 program. To the maximum extent possible, school districts' goals of
9 inclusion and diversity must be achieved in all parental participation
10 programs.

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

15 (~~(4)~~) (5) Nothing in this section impairs or reduces in any
16 manner whatsoever the authority of a board under other law to impose a
17 dress and appearance code. However, if a board requires uniforms under
18 such other authority, it shall accommodate students so that the uniform
19 requirement is not an unfair barrier to school attendance and
20 participation.

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