

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 628

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 6, after “date” insert “under certain circumstances; allowing schools to elect not to participate under certain circumstances and to reinstate participation under certain circumstances; allowing the Board to provide certain specifications; prohibiting the Prince George’s County Board of Education from purchasing uniforms, providing uniforms to students, or subsidizing the purchase of uniforms”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In line 17, strike “Notwithstanding” and substitute “(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AND NOTWITHSTANDING”; in line 19, after “County” insert “:

(1)”;

in the same line, after “YEAR” insert “FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS;

(2) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND

(3) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS”;

and after line 19, insert:

“(B) (1) A SCHOOL MAY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS IF:

(Over)

(I) THE RECOGNIZED PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION AT THE SCHOOL CONDUCTS AN OPINION SURVEY OF THE PARENTS OF THE CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL; AND

(II) AT LEAST 60% OF THE RESPONDING PARENTS OPPOSE THE MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

(2) A SCHOOL THAT HAS ELECTED NOT TO PARTICIPATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY IMPLEMENT THE MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS IF:

(I) THE RECOGNIZED PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS ANOTHER OPINION SURVEY OF THE PARENTS; AND

(II) AT LEAST 60% OF THE RESPONDING PARENTS FAVOR MANDATORY USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

(C) THE BOARD MAY SPECIFY THE TYPE OF OUTER GARMENTS AND SHOES THAT STUDENTS SHALL WEAR WITH THE UNIFORM.

(D) THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT FUND THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS, PROVIDE UNIFORMS TO STUDENTS, OR SUBSIDIZE THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prince George's County Board of Education shall review the implementation of this Act and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, report to the Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations not later than July 1, 2000 on the findings of the review.”;

and in line 20, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.