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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Public Schools - School Uniforms**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the county boards of education and the Board of School  
4 Commissioners of Baltimore City to implement the use of school uniforms by all  
5 students in the public schools by a certain date.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Education  
8 Section 4-108 and 4-304  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1997 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 4-108.

15 Each county board shall:

16 (1) To the best of its ability carry out the applicable provisions of this article  
17 and the bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies of the State Board;

18 (2) Maintain throughout its county a reasonably uniform system of public  
19 schools that is designed to provide quality education and equal educational opportunity  
20 for all children;

21 (3) Subject to this article and to the applicable bylaws, rules, and regulations  
22 of the State Board, determine, with the advice of the county superintendent, the  
23 educational policies of the county school system; [and]

24 (4) Adopt, codify, and make available to the public bylaws, rules, and  
25 regulations not inconsistent with State law, for the conduct and management of the  
26 county public schools; AND

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1 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IMPLEMENT  
2 THE USE OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS BY ALL STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE  
3 COUNTY BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR.

4 4-304.

5 (a) Subject to the applicable provisions of this article, the Board of School  
6 Commissioners of Baltimore City may:

7 (1) Examine, appoint, and remove teachers;

8 (2) Set teacher qualifications;

9 (3) Subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council, set teacher  
10 salaries; and

11 (4) Select textbooks for the public schools in Baltimore City, except that the  
12 textbooks may not contain anything of a sectarian or partisan character.

13 (b) (1) The Board of School Commissioners shall report annually to the State  
14 Board on the condition of the schools under its jurisdiction.

15 (2) The report shall include a statement of:

16 (i) Expenditures;

17 (ii) The number of children taught; and

18 (iii) Any other statistical information the State Board requires.

19 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE BOARD OF  
20 SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF BALTIMORE CITY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE USE OF  
21 SCHOOL UNIFORMS BY ALL STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE CITY BY THE  
22 BEGINNING OF THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 1997.