
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Prince George's County - School Uniforms**
3 **PG 400-98**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to
5 implement the use of school uniforms by all students in the public schools in the
6 County by a certain date under certain circumstances; allowing schools to elect
7 not to participate under certain circumstances and to reinstate participation
8 under certain circumstances; allowing the Board to provide certain
9 specifications; prohibiting the Prince George's County Board of Education from
10 purchasing uniforms, providing uniforms to students, or subsidizing the
11 purchase of uniforms; and generally relating to the use of school uniforms by all
12 students in the public schools in Prince George's County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Education
15 Section 3-1007
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Education**

21 3-1007.

22 (A) [Notwithstanding] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
23 SECTION, AND NOTWITHSTANDING any other provision of law, in Prince George's
24 County, the Board of Education [may] SHALL implement the use of school uniforms
25 by all students in the public schools in the County:

26 (1) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR FOR
27 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS;

1 (2) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE
2 SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND

3 (3) BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2001-2002 SCHOOL YEAR FOR HIGH
4 SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Prince George's
25 County Board of Education shall review the implementation of this Act and, in
26 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report to the Prince
27 George's County Senate and House Delegations not later than July 1, 2001 on the
28 findings of the review.

29 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
30 July 1, 1998.