

HOUSE BILL 205

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By: **Delegate Holmes**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Public Schools – Mandatory School Uniforms**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that each county board of education develop a county
4 school uniform policy; requiring a county board to establish the policy in
5 consultation with certain persons; requiring the State Superintendent of
6 Schools to adopt certain regulations; requiring that conformance with and
7 enforcement of the uniform policy comply with certain regulations and laws;
8 requiring the State Superintendent to develop certain standards, appropriate
9 procedures, and guidelines; and generally relating to mandating school
10 uniforms.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 4–127
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 **4–127.**

20 (A) (1) **EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A COUNTY SCHOOL**
21 **UNIFORM POLICY FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE**
22 **COUNTY BOARD.**

23 (2) **A COUNTY BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE UNIFORM POLICY**
24 **REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR, IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE CHIEF
2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL
3 COMMISSIONERS, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF ANY COUNTY
4 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-112 OF THIS
5 SUBTITLE.

6 (B) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO
7 ASSIST WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

8 (C) CONFORMANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL
9 UNIFORM POLICY SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL EXISTING DEPARTMENT
10 REGULATIONS AS WELL AS APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

11 (D) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS,
12 APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 THIS SECTION, INCLUDING:

14 (1) REQUIRING THAT PARENTS BE INFORMED AT LEAST 6
15 MONTHS BEFORE THE UNIFORM POLICY TAKES EFFECT;

16 (2) ALLOWING A GRACE PERIOD DURING WHICH A STUDENT WHO
17 HAS NOT PURCHASED A UNIFORM WILL NOT BE DISCIPLINED;

18 (3) MAKING PROVISIONS TO ACCOMMODATE ECONOMICALLY
19 DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS; AND

20 (4) ALLOWING FOR WRITTEN PARENTAL OPT-OUT ON RELIGIOUS
21 GROUNDS.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2009.