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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 170**

May 4, 1999 - Offered by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 118.035 of the statutes; **relating to:** school uniforms.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 118.035 of the statutes is created to read:

3 **118.035 School uniforms.** (1) In this section, "school" means a public school
4 and includes a charter school other than a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r).

5 (2) A school board may adopt a policy that requires all pupils enrolled in school
6 in the school district, or all pupils enrolled in one or more schools in the school
7 district, to wear a uniform while in school or while under the supervision of a school
8 authority.

9 (3) If a school board adopts a policy under sub. (2), it shall do all of the following:

10 (a) Establish a method whereby the parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in
11 a school in which the policy is in effect may exempt his or her child from complying
12 with the policy.

1 (b) Ensure that no pupil is penalized academically or otherwise discriminated
2 against because the pupil's parent or guardian has chosen to exempt the pupil from
3 complying with the policy.

4 (c) Notify each parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in a school in which the
5 policy will be implemented of the policy at least 3 months before the school board
6 implements the policy.

7 (d) Assist economically disadvantaged pupils to obtain the uniforms.

8 **(4)** The requirements under sub. (3) do not apply to any school board that has
9 in effect on the effective date of this subsection ... [revisor inserts date], a school
10 uniform policy for pupils enrolled in a school in the school district and has had such
11 a policy in effect continuously since that date.

12 **(5)** By July 1, 2003, the department shall submit a report to the appropriate
13 standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3). The report shall address
14 all of the following issues relating to the imposition of school uniforms by school
15 boards:

16 (a) Methods of encouraging the involvement of parents in a school board's
17 decision to require school uniforms.

18 (b) The ability of pupils to obtain the uniforms.

19 (c) The effect of the imposition of the requirement on crime in the school,
20 including weapons possession, assault, battery and vandalism, and on pupil
21 suspensions and expulsions.

22 **(6)** Nothing in this section affects the authority of a school board to require
23 pupils to wear uniforms for extracurricular activities, and the provisions of sub. (3)
24 do not apply to such a requirement.

25 **(END)**