

1 **HB 2613 - H AMD 258 ADOPTED 2/13/96**

2 By Representative Sterk

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
4 following:

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6 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.320.140 and 1994 sp.s. c 7 s 612 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (1) School district boards of directors may establish  
9 district-wide student dress and grooming codes, which may include  
10 a requirement that students wear uniforms.

11 (2) School district boards of directors may establish  
12 specific schools or programs ((which)) that parents may choose for  
13 their children to attend in which: (a) Students are required to  
14 conform to dress and grooming codes, including requiring that  
15 students wear uniforms; (b) parents are required to participate in  
16 the student's education; or (c) discipline requirements are more  
17 stringent than in other schools in the district.

18 ~~((+2))~~ (3) School district boards of directors may also  
19 establish specific schools or programs in which: (a) Students are  
20 required to conform to dress and grooming codes, including  
21 requiring that students wear uniforms; (b) parents are regularly  
22 counseled and encouraged to participate in the student's education;  
23 or (c) discipline requirements are more stringent than in other  
24 schools in the district. School boards may require that students  
25 who are subject to suspension or expulsion attend these schools or  
26 programs as a condition of continued enrollment in the school  
27 district.

28 ~~((+3))~~ (4) If students are required to wear uniforms ((in  
29 these programs or schools)), school districts shall accommodate  
30 students so that the uniform requirement is not an unfair barrier  
31 to school attendance and participation.

1           (~~(4) Nothing in this section impairs or reduces in any manner~~  
2 ~~whatsoever the authority of a board under other law to impose a~~  
3 ~~dress and appearance code. However, if a board requires uniforms~~  
4 ~~under such other authority, it shall accommodate students so that~~  
5 ~~the uniform requirement is not an unfair barrier to school~~  
6 ~~attendance and participation.))~~

7           (5) In order to maintain order and discipline in schools  
8 during and after a natural disaster, schools may remain closed when  
9 natural disasters listed in RCW 28A.150.290(2)(a) and (b) occur as  
10 long as such conditions remain. The superintendent of public  
11 instruction shall allow school districts to receive state basic  
12 education moneys in such cases even though the requirement of a  
13 full school year of one hundred eighty days or the annual average  
14 total instructional hour offering imposed by RCW 28A.150.220 and  
15 RCW 28A.150.260 have not been fulfilled.

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18           **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.225.225 and 1995 c 52 s 3 are each amended to  
19 read as follows:

20           (1) All districts accepting applications from nonresident  
21 students or from students receiving home-based instruction for  
22 admission to the district's schools shall consider equally all  
23 applications received. Each school district shall adopt a policy  
24 establishing rational, fair, and equitable standards for acceptance  
25 and rejection of applications (~~by June 30, 1990~~). The policy may  
26 include rejection of nonresident students if acceptance of these  
27 students would result in the district experiencing a financial  
28 hardship. However, nothing in this section prevents a school  
29 district superintendent or his or her designee from denying the  
30 application of a nonresident student if the student's disciplinary  
31 record indicates a history of behavior that has been disruptive to  
32 the educational process.

1           (2) The district shall provide to applicants written  
2 notification of the approval or denial of the application in a  
3 timely manner. If the application is rejected, the notification  
4 shall include the reason or reasons for denial and the right to  
5 appeal under RCW 28A.225.230(3).

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7           **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.600.030 and 1990 c 33 s 498 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9           (1) Each school district board of directors may establish  
10 student grading policies which permit teachers to consider a  
11 student's attendance in determining the student's overall grade or  
12 deciding whether the student should be granted or denied credit.  
13 Such policies shall take into consideration the circumstances  
14 pertaining to the student's inability to attend school.

15           (2) The state board of education shall not limit the ability  
16 of school districts to reduce a student's grade or to deny credit  
17 for disciplinary reasons or as a result of disciplinary actions.  
18 However, no policy shall be adopted whereby a grade shall be  
19 reduced or credit shall be denied for disciplinary reasons or due  
20 to disciplinary actions only, rather than for academic reasons,  
21 unless due process of law is provided as set forth by the state  
22 board of education under RCW 28A.305.160.

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24           **Sec. 4.** RCW 28A.305.160 and 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 97 s 1 are  
25 each amended to read as follows:

26           (1) The state board of education shall adopt and distribute to  
27 all school districts lawful and reasonable rules ((and  
28 regulations)) prescribing the substantive and procedural due  
29 process guarantees of pupils in the common schools. Such rules  
30 ((and regulations)) shall authorize a school district to use  
31 informal due process procedures in connection with the short-term  
32 suspension of students to the extent constitutionally permissible.  
33 In cases in which suspensions and expulsions are appealed by a

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1 student, such rules shall authorize a school district to suspend a  
2 student temporarily after an initial hearing until a final decision  
3 is reached in further appeals: PROVIDED, That the state board  
4 deems the interest of students to be adequately protected.

5 (2) Short-term suspensions may be used for suspensions of up  
6 to and including, ten school days.

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