

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, LESCOVITZ, McMONAGLE, KOSINSKI, CARN,  
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LAUGHLIN, FATTAH AND RICHARDSON, MAY 3, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MAY 3, 1983

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An  
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain  
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial  
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the  
5 laws relating thereto," further providing for the attire for  
6 teachers and students and for a discipline code.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known  
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding sections  
11 to read:

12 Section 1317.1. Discipline Code.--Administrators of school  
13 districts of the first class and school districts of the first  
14 class A, which are conterminous with cities of the second class,  
15 may implement a discipline code as follows:

16 (1) Parents or guardians of disruptive children shall be  
17 notified, by telephone or letter, of their child's behavior.

18 (2) If the child continues to be disruptive, he shall be  
19 given a demerit.

1     (3) When three (3) demerits are given, the principal shall  
2     suspend the child.

3     (4) Upon return from suspension if the child is again  
4     disruptive, the principal shall expel the child.

5     Section 1317.2. Dress Code; Students.--The board of school  
6     directors in all school districts may establish a dress code for  
7     students when they are present upon school grounds.

8     Section 1317.3. Dress Code; Teachers.--The board of school  
9     directors in any school district of the first class A, which is  
10    conterminous with a city of the second class may require  
11    teachers to set an example for students by establishing a dress  
12    code for teachers. Male teachers may be required to wear a shirt  
13    with a tie, a jacket and slacks and female teachers may be  
14    required to wear dresses, suits and dress pants. Special  
15    education teachers may be exempt from these requirements.

16    Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.