

HOUSE BILL 679

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to dress codes for students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203(b), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (12); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (13) and substituting instead a semi-colon and the word "and"; and by adding the following language as a new subdivision to be designated as follows:

(14) Require a dress code for students that calls for students to use such taste in the selection and wearing of their clothes, make-up, and hair styles and maintain such neatness, cleanliness, and self-respect that the school is a desirable place in which to promote learning and character development. No apparel, dress, grooming, that violates community standards of decency, or that is or may become potentially disruptive of the classroom atmosphere or educational process may be permitted.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.