

R034-0405

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF UNIFORMS**
20 **IN MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

30 **WHEREAS:** Former President Bill Clinton remarked, “School uniforms are one step that may
40 be able to break the cycle of violence, truancy and disorder...;” and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Uniforms increase security within each individual school building, because it
60 becomes obvious to students and faculty when a trespasser is present, simply
70 because of their dress; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** Uniforms are helpful to parents because they reduce the day-to-day cost of
90 maintaining fashionable wardrobes and accessories; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** Students are more likely to resist peer pressure because uniformity decreases the
110 tendency to conform to popular trends and standards; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** Uniforms allow the dissolve of socioeconomic lines that are often created as a
130 result of the outward appearance of clothing; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Uniforms are proven to instill a strong sense of school pride, as well as setting
150 the tone for a serious learning environment; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** Shifting the focus of students’ attention away from fashion allows for greater
170 academic achievement and increased attendance; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** In addition, greater creativity and self-expression are enabled in other areas,
190 including sports, art, music, etc; and,

200 **WHEREAS:** Uniforms have the potential to decrease the violence and crime that exists within
210 the public school system in Maryland.

220 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland
230 General Assembly to adopt a policy mandating the use of uniforms within the
240 state public school system; and,

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That students enrolled in the Maryland Public School system
260 shall be required to adhere to the uniform code specified by each respective
270 school board.

280 **MANDATES:** Governor Robert Ehrlich
290 Lt. Governor Michael Steele
300 House Speaker Michael Busch
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