

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1818

By Senator Betts

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9 A RESOLUTION encouraging school districts to consider school uni-
10 forms or dress codes.

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12 WHEREAS, Our children are our most precious asset; and

13 WHEREAS, Children's school experiences are too often disrupted by
14 disputes between children about the clothing they are wearing; and

15 WHEREAS, Children too often draw distinctions between themselves
16 and others based on the clothing they wear, leading to social stratification
17 in a time of life that children should be focusing on developing the skills
18 necessary to succeed in life; and

19 WHEREAS, Many gangs use the wearing of certain colors or types of
20 clothing as a badge of membership, leading to even more disputes be-
21 tween children about the clothing they are wearing; and

22 WHEREAS, It has been shown that school uniforms generally cost
23 less than the clothes worn in schools where there is no school uniform;
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25 WHEREAS, Studies show that elementary and secondary schools with
26 a policy concerning school uniforms or exacting dress codes and a policy
27 of zero tolerance for infractions of the code have fewer disciplinary prob-
28 lems, score higher on many standardized tests and learn better manners;
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30 WHEREAS, Current styles of clothing are often too sexually sugges-
31 tive or glorify images of violence and law-breaking, exposing children to
32 issues they are not intellectually or emotionally ready to process; and

33 WHEREAS, Students who must abide by a strict dress code or student
34 uniform learn how to choose clothing that is appropriate to the workplace
35 and are thus prepared to accept the dress code of the company where
36 they eventually will be employed: Now, therefore,

37 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That school dis-
38 tricts throughout Kansas study the record of results from other schools
39 and school districts that have instituted strict dress codes, especially those
40 that have instituted school uniforms, with the purpose of determining
41 whether a strict dress code or school uniform policy would be of benefit
42 to Kansas students.