## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Prohibits local public school boards from requiring school uniforms for students.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes local public school boards to implement school dress codes for students including the use of uniforms. Requires the displaying of any uniform selected and requires notification to parents of any dress code specifications and uniform policy adoption or modifications. Permits school boards to require new or modified dress codes or uniform policies without notifying parents in cases of emergency. Provides that <u>present law</u> shall not require additional expenditures of school or school boards funds. <u>Proposed law</u> prohibits school boards from requiring uniforms for students. Removes the authority for school boards to adopt rules and regulations for the use of school uniforms and the authority to select uniforms. Further removes the requirements that school boards display uniforms and notify parents about the uniforms. Retains <u>present law</u> relative to dress codes.

(Amends R.S. 17:416.7)