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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS -
NEWPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-2 of the General Laws entitled "School Committees and
2 Superintendents" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-2-35. City of Newport - School dress code.** -- The Newport school committee, in
4 conjunction with the superintendent, may adopt a school dress code for Newport elementary,
5 middle and high school students; provided, that:

6 (1) The principal, staff and parents have had an opportunity to offer suggestions and
7 comments;

8 (2) The dress code shall be adopted at a time determined by the school committee, and
9 the school committee shall give notice to the parents at least three (3) months before a dress code
10 is required; and

11 (3) That on days when a nationally recognized youth organization has a scheduled
12 function, students participating in the organization shall be exempt from the dress code on that
13 day.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow the school committee for the city of Newport to adopt a dress code
- 2 for elementary, middle, and high school students.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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