GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 334 **HOUSE BILL 487**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PILOT PROGRAMS IN WHICH STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The State Board of Education may authorize up to five local school administrative units to implement pilot programs in which students are required to wear uniforms in public schools.

Prior to selecting the pilot units, the State Board of Education shall develop guidelines for local boards of education to use when establishing requirements for students to wear uniforms in public schools. In developing these guidelines, the State Board shall consider (i) ways to promote parental and community involvement in the pilot programs, (ii) relevant State and federal constitutional concerns such as freedom of religion and freedom of speech, and (iii) the ability of students to purchase the uniforms.

Local boards in the pilot units shall establish requirements, consistent with the State Board's guidelines, for students enrolled in any of their schools to wear uniforms at school during the regular school day.

No State funds shall be used for the uniforms.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of June, 1995.

> Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives