

By: Morales of Harris

H.B. No. 474

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a policy adopted by a school district regarding the wearing of attire and regalia at certain public school events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 25, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 25.905 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.905. POLICY REGARDING STUDENT ATTIRE AND REGALIA AT CERTAIN SCHOOL EVENTS. (a) The board of trustees of each school district shall adopt a policy regarding attire and regalia that may be worn by students at graduation ceremonies and other official school events in the district. The policy:

(1) must establish a process by which the district approves attire and regalia worn by students at a graduation ceremony, including the specific criteria required for approval; and

(2) may not prohibit a student from wearing culturally significant or academic attire or regalia at a graduation ceremony or other official school event unless the attire or regalia:

(A) poses a safety risk; or

(B) impairs the student's vision or mobility.

(b) In this section, "culturally significant or academic attire or regalia" includes cords or stoles that signify the student's:

(1) cultural heritage;

- 1           (2) membership in an honor society; or
- 2           (3) affiliation with a student organization.

3           SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
4 school year.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.