

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Memorializes the 2016 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will revise the expectation/rules of the Nevada School District Dress Code, in order to improve gender equality.

WHEREAS, About more than half of the schools in the United States have some sort of dress code restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Dress codes are intended to prepare students to dress a certain way for the “real world”, but actually are presented in a way to shame females because they “distract the males in the class;” and

WHEREAS, There is no real strong proof that what people do/don’t wear, directly affects the student’s behavior and ability to get an education; and

WHEREAS, In 2010 a 7<sup>th</sup> grade girl that attended a Nevada school was dress coded due to the fact that her hair was dyed an uncommon color because it was a “distraction”, although there was no real proof of it being a true distraction; and

WHEREAS, Dress codes entrust power to school authorities to regulate a student’s identity; and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment in the U.S. Constitution guarantees the freedom of expression; and

WHEREAS, Such sexualization and objectification leads to “a host of negative emotional consequences, such as shame, anxiety, and even self-disgust” stated by the American Psychological Association; and

WHEREAS, Stopping a lesson to dress code a student is far more distracting than the actual clothing itself and removing a student from class takes away from their education as well; and

WHEREAS, This shows that it is okay to objectify women and encouraging inequality amongst genders a high school; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016 that the 2016 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will require a revision to the Nevada School District Dress Code, in order to improve gender equality.