

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to physical education in the public  
7 schools; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring each school  
8 district to submit to the Department of Education a copy  
9 of the wellness policy required by federal law; requiring  
10 the department to provide public electronic access to  
11 school district policies; encouraging public input;  
12 specifying content of staff development for physical  
13 education instructors; encouraging each district school  
14 board to evaluate its physical education program and  
15 policy and review certain practices by a specified date;  
16 providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) are added to  
21 section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, to read:

22 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

23        (4) By December 1, 2005, each school district shall submit  
 24 to the Department of Education a copy of the wellness policy  
 25 required by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of  
 26 2004. The department shall provide for public electronic access  
 27 to the school district policies so they may be reviewed and  
 28 shared. School districts are encouraged to regularly solicit  
 29 public input regarding their policies on school nutritional  
 30 offerings and physical activity/fitness offerings.

31        (5) Staff development for physical education instructors  
 32 must include content related to an integrated curriculum that  
 33 supports classroom learning, particularly in the areas of  
 34 reading and mathematics, fitness-based instruction, and  
 35 connections between movement and learning.

36        (6) By January 1, 2006, each district school board is  
 37 encouraged to:

38        (a) Evaluate the level of participation of students in the  
 39 district school board's physical education program in order to  
 40 determine whether the district school board's policy reflects  
 41 the local community's expectations and needs.

42        (b) Ensure that certified physical education teachers are  
 43 hired to teach physical education.

44        (c) Review and determine whether the district school  
 45 board's professional development opportunities include best  
 46 practices for fitness-related instruction, strategies that  
 47 support classroom learning, connections between movement and  
 48 learning, and strategies for integrating academic subject  
 49 matter, particularly in reading, mathematics, and physical  
 50 education.

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51        (d) Review the practice of providing physical fitness  
52 assessments at each grade level in order to provide valid  
53 information to students and parents for improving the quality of  
54 physical education programs and to determine whether its  
55 physical education program is meeting the needs of the community  
56 and parents.

57        (e) Review the research and best practices regarding how  
58 planned physical movement can foster enhanced learning in  
59 academic subjects.

60        (f) Review the district school board's adopted physical  
61 education policy in order to ensure that the policy meets the  
62 intent and spirit of the law, applicable rules, and the Sunshine  
63 State Standards.

64        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.