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The Committee on Education Appropriations (Constantine)  
recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

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

1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

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

(5) Staff development for physical education  
instructors must include content related to an integrated

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1 curriculum that supports classroom learning, particularly in  
2 the areas of reading and mathematics, fitness-based  
3 instruction, and connections between movement and learning.

4 (6) By January 1, 2006, each school board is  
5 encouraged to:

6 (a) Assess the level of participation of the students  
7 in the school board's physical education program in order to  
8 determine whether the school board's policy reflects the local  
9 community's expectations and needs.

10 (b) Ensure that certified physical education teachers  
11 are hired to teach physical education.

12 (c) Review and determine whether the school board's  
13 professional-development opportunities include best practices  
14 for fitness-related instruction, strategies that support  
15 classroom learning, a connection between movement and  
16 learning, and strategies for integrating academic subject  
17 matter, particularly in reading, mathematics, and physical  
18 education.

19 (d) Review the practice of providing physical-fitness  
20 assessments at each grade level in order to provide valid  
21 information to students and parents for improving the quality  
22 of physical education programs and to determine whether its  
23 physical education program is meeting the needs of the  
24 community and parents.

25 (e) Review the research and best practices regarding  
26 how planned physical movement can foster enhanced learning in  
27 academic subjects.

28 (f) Review the adopted school board's physical  
29 education policies in order to ensure that the policies meet  
30 the intent and spirit of the law, applicable rules, and the  
31 Sunshine State Standards.

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1           Section 2. By September 2006, the Department of  
2 Education and the Department of Health shall coordinate a  
3 series of regional meetings that bring together various  
4 stakeholders to develop partnerships, discuss issues, provide  
5 workshops, and showcase exemplary programs relating to  
6 physical education and fine arts for students in  
7 prekindergarten through grade 12. Participants in the regional  
8 meetings should include school-level and district-level  
9 personnel; county and municipal parks and recreation  
10 personnel; parent-teachers associations; and other interested  
11 parties.

12           Section 3. Each public high school that has athletic  
13 facilities or participates in interscholastic sports shall  
14 have an operational defibrillator on the high school grounds.

15           Section 4. The Department of Education shall evaluate  
16 the extent to which the Sunshine State Standards in the arts  
17 are being taught in each school district in kindergarten  
18 through grade 12. The evaluation shall include an analysis of  
19 student FCAT achievement levels compared to Sunshine State  
20 Standards arts instruction and enrollment in art courses. The  
21 results of this evaluation shall be provided to the Governor,  
22 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President  
23 of the Senate by March 1, 2006.

24           Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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28 And the title is amended as follows:

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31 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to physical education in the public schools; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring each school district to submit to the Department of Education a copy of the wellness policy required by federal law; requiring the department to provide public electronic access to school district policies; encouraging public input; specifying content of staff development for physical education instructors; encouraging each school board to assess its physical education program and review school policies by a specified date; requiring that school districts establish wellness policies as federally mandated; requiring the Department of Health to coordinate regional meetings relating to physical education programs; requiring certain public high schools to have a defibrillator on school grounds; requiring the Department of Education to evaluate the extent to which the Sunshine State Standards in the arts are being taught; requiring a report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing an effective date.