

By Senator Constantine

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to education in grades pre-K  
3           through 12; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.;  
4           requiring that health-related fitness  
5           assessments be periodically administered to  
6           students; requiring that the fitness-assessment  
7           scores be reported to various persons and to  
8           the Department of Education; providing  
9           requirements for the training of physical  
10          education instructors; requiring that school  
11          districts have coordinators for physical  
12          education and health; providing for recognition  
13          awards; requiring that school districts  
14          establish wellness policies as federally  
15          mandated; requiring the department during  
16          school year 2005-2006 to coordinate regional  
17          meetings relating to physical education  
18          programs; requiring certain public high schools  
19          to have a defibrillator on school grounds;  
20          providing an effective date.

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

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24           Section 1. Subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) are  
25 added to section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, to read:

26           1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

27           (4)(a) Each physical education instructor shall  
28 semiannually administer to his or her students a nationally  
29 validated health-related fitness assessment. Training must be  
30 provided to ensure appropriate administration of the  
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1 fitness-assessment instrument and to encourage best practices  
2 in physical education instruction.

3 (b) Each school must report its fitness assessment  
4 scores to its school improvement team, to the school board,  
5 and to the students' parents. Each student and the student's  
6 parent or guardian must receive the student's individual  
7 results. The district shall report its aggregate results  
8 annually to the department.

9 (5) In-service training, preservice training, and  
10 teacher certification for physical education instructors must  
11 include content related to an integrated curriculum that  
12 supports classroom learning, particularly in the areas of  
13 reading and math, fitness-based instruction, and connections  
14 between movement and learning.

15 (6) Each school district shall appoint or employ a  
16 district-level coordinator for physical education and health  
17 whose main responsibilities are to develop and maintain  
18 high-quality physical education in the district. Small  
19 districts may cooperate to provide these services.

20 (7) A system of recognition awards must be established  
21 to reward schools and school districts that can demonstrate  
22 adequate yearly progress toward improving fitness or  
23 connections between improved fitness and academic achievement.  
24 These awards may be used for fitness centers, fitness  
25 assessment equipment, professional development, or teacher  
26 recognition.

27 (8) Each school district must comply with federal  
28 requirements relating to the establishment of a wellness  
29 policy as required in the reauthorization of the Child  
30 Nutrition Act. The policy must address goals for nutrition  
31 education, goals for physical activity, nutrition standards,

1 and school-based activities that promote and reinforce  
2 wellness messages. The school district shall involve  
3 stakeholders in developing the policy, adopt a mechanism for  
4 evaluating the policy, and designate at least one person to be  
5 responsible for the policy.

6 Section 2. During the 2005-2006 school year, the  
7 Department of Education shall coordinate a series of regional  
8 meetings that bring together various stakeholders to develop  
9 partnerships, discuss issues, provide workshops, and showcase  
10 exemplary programs relating to physical education for students  
11 in prekindergarten through grade 12. Participants in the  
12 regional meetings should include school-level and  
13 district-level personnel; county and municipal parks and  
14 recreation personnel; providers of after-school care, such as  
15 Boys Clubs, Girls Clubs, and the YMCA; parent groups; business  
16 groups; and health care providers.

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

20 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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23 SENATE SUMMARY

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25 pre-K through 12. Requires that health-related fitness  
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