

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to physical education; amending s.
 3 1001.11, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to
 4 dedicate resources to provide professional development to
 5 physical education teachers and curricula developers;
 6 amending s. 1003.01, F.S.; defining the term "physical
 7 education"; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring district
 8 school boards to provide specified physical education for
 9 certain students; requiring reporting for funding purposes
 10 and auditing of records; requiring the State Board of
 11 Education to review and revise the Sunshine State
 12 Standards related to physical education; providing an
 13 effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 1001.11,
 18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.--

20 (7) The commissioner shall dedicate financial and
 21 departmental staff resources to provide professional development
 22 to physical education teachers, elementary and secondary
 23 teachers whose assignments include physical education courses,
 24 and developers of physical education curricula. Such
 25 professional development shall incorporate current physical
 26 education and nutrition philosophy and best practices that
 27 result in student participation in physical activities that
 28 promote lifelong physical and mental well-being.

29 Section 2. Subsection (16) is added to section 1003.01,
 30 Florida Statutes, to read:

31 1003.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:
 32 (16) "Physical education" means the development or
 33 maintenance of skills related to strength, agility, flexibility,
 34 movement, and stamina; the development of knowledge and skills
 35 regarding teamwork and fair play; the development of knowledge
 36 and skills regarding nutrition and physical fitness as part of a
 37 healthy lifestyle; and the development of positive attitudes
 38 regarding sound nutrition and physical activity as a component
 39 of personal well-being.

40 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.455, Florida
 41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

43 (3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes
 44 of physical education each week for students in kindergarten
 45 through grade 5. Students enrolled in such instruction shall be
 46 reported through the periodic student membership surveys, and
 47 records of such enrollment shall be audited pursuant to s.
 48 1010.305. Each district school board is encouraged to provide
 49 ~~150 minutes of physical education each week for students in~~
 50 ~~kindergarten through grade 5 and 225 minutes of physical~~
 51 education each week for students in grades 6 through 8.

52 Section 4. During the 2007-2008 school year, the State
 53 Board of Education shall review and revise the Sunshine State
 54 Standards related to physical education to reflect state-of-the-
 55 art philosophy and practice. The revised standards shall
 56 emphasize the role of physical education in promoting the

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57 | knowledge, skills, and attitudes that prepare students to make
58 | healthy lifelong nutrition and physical fitness choices.

59 | Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.