

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, including dance; the development of
 35 knowledge and skills regarding teamwork and fair play; the
 36 development of knowledge and skills regarding nutrition and
 37 physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle; and the
 38 development of positive attitudes regarding sound nutrition and
 39 physical activity as a component 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. Such instruction may be provided by any instructional
 49 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless of
 50 certification, who are designated by the school principal. Each
 51 district school board is encouraged to provide ~~150 minutes of~~
 52 ~~physical education each week for students in kindergarten~~
 53 ~~through grade 5 and~~ 225 minutes of physical education each week
 54 for students in grades 6 through 8.

55 Section 4. During the 2007-2008 school year, the State
 56 Board of Education shall review and revise the Sunshine State

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57 Standards related to physical education to reflect state-of-the-
58 art philosophy and practice. The revised standards shall
59 emphasize the role of physical education in promoting the
60 knowledge, skills, and attitudes that prepare students to make
61 healthy lifelong nutrition and physical fitness choices.

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