

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 provide Internet access to information concerning
 5 professional development in physical education; amending
 6 s. 1003.01, F.S.; defining the term "physical education";
 7 amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring district school
 8 boards to provide specified physical education for certain
 9 students; requiring reporting for funding purposes and
 10 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 make prominently available on
 21 the department's website the following: links to the Internet-
 22 based clearinghouse for professional development regarding
 23 physical education which is established under s. 1012.98(4)(d);
 24 the school wellness and physical education policies and other
 25 resources required under s. 1003.453(1) and (2); and other
 26 Internet sites that provide professional development for
 27 elementary teachers of physical education as defined in s.
 28 1003.01(16). These links must provide elementary teachers with

29 information concerning current physical education and nutrition
 30 philosophy and best practices that result in student
 31 participation in physical activities that promote lifelong
 32 physical and mental well-being.

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

35 1003.01 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term:

36 (16) "Physical education" means the development or
 37 maintenance of skills related to strength, agility, flexibility,
 38 movement, and stamina, including dance; the development of
 39 knowledge and skills regarding teamwork and fair play; the
 40 development of knowledge and skills regarding nutrition and
 41 physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle; and the
 42 development of positive attitudes regarding sound nutrition and
 43 physical activity as a component of personal well-being.

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

46 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

47 (3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes
 48 of physical education each week for students in kindergarten
 49 through grade 5. Students enrolled in such instruction shall be
 50 reported through the periodic student membership surveys, and
 51 records of such enrollment shall be audited pursuant to s.
 52 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided by any instructional
 53 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless of
 54 certification, who are designated by the school principal. Each
 55 district school board is encouraged to provide ~~150 minutes of~~
 56 ~~physical education each week for students in kindergarten~~

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57 ~~through grade 5 and~~ 225 minutes of physical education each week
58 for students in grades 6 through 8.

59 Section 4. During the 2007-2008 school year, the State
60 Board of Education shall review and revise the Sunshine State
61 Standards related to physical education to reflect state-of-the-
62 art philosophy and practice. The revised standards shall
63 emphasize the role of physical education in promoting the
64 knowledge, skills, and attitudes that prepare students to make
65 healthy lifelong nutrition and physical fitness choices.

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