

By Senator Constantine

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to physical education; amending s.  
3 1003.455, F.S.; requiring district school boards to  
4 provide 225 minutes of physical education each week for  
5 students in grade 6 through grade 8; providing an  
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, is amended  
11 to read:

12 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

13 (1) It is the responsibility of each district school board  
14 to develop a physical education program that stresses physical  
15 fitness and encourages healthful, active lifestyles and to  
16 encourage all students in prekindergarten through grade 12 to  
17 participate in physical education. Physical education shall  
18 consist of physical activities of at least a moderate intensity  
19 level and for a duration sufficient to provide a significant  
20 health benefit to students, subject to the differing capabilities  
21 of students. All physical education programs and curricula must  
22 be reviewed by a certified physical education instructor.

23 (2) Each district school board shall adopt a written  
24 physical education policy that details the school district's  
25 physical education program and expected program outcomes.

26 (3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes of  
27 physical education each week for students in kindergarten through  
28 grade 5 and 225 minutes of physical education each week for  
29 students in grades 6 through 8. Students enrolled in such

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30 instruction shall be reported through the periodic student  
31 membership surveys, and records of such enrollment shall be  
32 audited pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided  
33 by any instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2),  
34 regardless of certification, who are designated by the school  
35 principal. ~~Each district school board is encouraged to provide~~  
36 ~~225 minutes of physical education each week for students in~~  
37 ~~grades 6 through 8.~~

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.