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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to physical education in public schools;
3 amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; revising the applicability of
4 physical education requirements for certain students in
5 grade 6; providing that the criteria for waiver of
6 physical education requirements apply to students in
7 grades 6 through 8; providing additional criteria for
8 which a waiver shall be given; requiring certain
9 documentation for receipt of a waiver; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
15 1003.455, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.--

17 (3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes
18 of physical education each week for students in kindergarten
19 through grade 5 and for students in grade 6 who attend schools
20 that operate in self-contained classes on an elementary school
21 schedule ~~are enrolled in a school that contains one or more~~
22 ~~elementary grades~~ so that on any day during which physical
23 education instruction is conducted there are at least 30
24 consecutive minutes per day.

25 (4) Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the
26 equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for
27 one semester of each year is required for students enrolled in
28 grades 6 through 8. Students enrolled in such instruction shall

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29 be reported through the periodic student membership surveys, and
30 records of such enrollment shall be audited pursuant to s.
31 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided by any instructional
32 personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless of
33 certification, who are designated by the school principal.

34 (5)~~(4)~~ The requirement in subsection (4) ~~(3)~~ shall be
35 waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria:

36 (a) The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a
37 remedial course or is not meeting grade-level expectations in
38 reading, writing, mathematics, or science.

39 (b) The student's parent indicates in writing to the
40 school that:

41 ~~1.~~ the parent requests that the student enroll in another
42 course from among those courses offered as options by the school
43 district. ~~;~~ ~~or~~

44 (c)2. The student's parent indicates in writing and
45 provides documentation to the school that the student is
46 participating in physical activities outside the school day
47 which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

48 (6)~~(5)~~ Each school district shall notify the student's
49 parent of the options available under subsection (5) ~~(4)~~ before
50 scheduling the student to participate in physical education.

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.