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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to physical education in public
3 schools; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; revising the
4 requirements for waiver of student participation in
5 physical education; authorizing a waiver through
6 submission of a doctor's note specifying health
7 reasons for nonparticipation; providing an effective
8 date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1003.455, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

15 (4) The physical education requirement in subsection (3)
16 shall be waived for a student who meets one of the following
17 criteria:

18 (a) The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a
19 remedial course.

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

22 ~~1. The parent requests that the student enroll in another~~
23 ~~course from among those courses offered as options by the school~~
24 ~~district; or~~

25 ~~2. the student is participating in physical activities~~
26 ~~outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the~~
27 ~~mandated requirement.~~

28 (c) The student submits to the school's administration a
29 doctor's note that specifies the health reasons as to why the

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30 student should not participate in physical education.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.