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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public school recess; amending s.
3 1003.455, F.S.; requiring each district school board
4 to provide students in certain grades with a specified
5 amount of consecutive minutes of free-play recess per
6 day; providing that free-play recess may not be
7 withheld for specified reasons; 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 (3) of section 1003.455, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that
14 section, to read:

15 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

16 (3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes of
17 physical education each week for students in kindergarten
18 through grade 5 and for students in grade 6 who are enrolled in
19 a school that contains one or more elementary grades so that on
20 any day during which physical education instruction is conducted
21 there are at least 30 consecutive minutes of physical education
22 instruction per day. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year,
23 the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education
24 for one semester of each year is required for students enrolled
25 in grades 6 through 8. Students enrolled in such instruction
26 shall be reported through the periodic student membership
27 surveys, and records of such enrollment shall be audited
28 pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided by any
29 instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless

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30 of certification, who are designated by the school principal.

31 (6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3), each
32 district school board shall provide 100 minutes of supervised,
33 safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students
34 in kindergarten through grade 5 and for students in grade 6 who
35 are enrolled in a school that contains one or more elementary
36 grades so that there are at least 20 consecutive minutes of
37 free-play recess per day. Free-play recess may not be withheld
38 for academic or punitive reasons.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.