

HB 6015

2017

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to high school graduation  
3           requirements; amending s. 1003.4282, F.S.; removing a  
4           requirement that a student participating in an  
5           interscholastic sport pass a competency test on  
6           personal fitness to satisfy the physical education  
7           credit requirement for high school graduation;  
8           conforming a provision; providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section  
13   1003.4282, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1003.4282 Requirements for a standard high school  
15   diploma.—

16           (3) STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; COURSE AND ASSESSMENT  
17   REQUIREMENTS.—

18           (f) One credit in physical education.—Physical education  
19   must include the integration of health. Participation in an  
20   interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for  
21   two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in  
22   physical education ~~if the student passes a competency test on~~  
23   ~~personal fitness with a score of "C" or better. The competency~~  
24   ~~test on personal fitness developed by the Department of~~  
25   ~~Education must be used.~~ A district school board may not require

26 | that the one credit in physical education be taken during the  
27 | 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C"  
28 | or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class  
29 | that requires participation in marching band activities as an  
30 | extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-  
31 | half credit in physical education or one-half credit in  
32 | performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the  
33 | personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive  
34 | physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or  
35 | 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a Reserve Officer Training  
36 | Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is  
37 | drills, shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical  
38 | education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts.  
39 | This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness  
40 | requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education  
41 | under an IEP or 504 plan.

42 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.