

By Senator Mayfield

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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 diploma.—

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

17 (f) *One credit in physical education.*—Physical education
18 must include the integration of health. Participation in an
19 interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level for
20 two full seasons shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in
21 physical education ~~if the student passes a competency test on~~
22 ~~personal fitness with a score of "C" or better. The competency~~
23 ~~test on personal fitness developed by the Department of~~
24 ~~Education must be used.~~ A district school board may not require
25 that the one credit in physical education be taken during the
26 9th grade year. Completion of one semester with a grade of "C"
27 or better in a marching band class, in a physical activity class
28 that requires participation in marching band activities as an
29 extracurricular activity, or in a dance class shall satisfy one-
30 half credit in physical education or one-half credit in
31 performing arts. This credit may not be used to satisfy the
32 personal fitness requirement or the requirement for adaptive

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33 physical education under an individual education plan (IEP) or
34 504 plan. Completion of 2 years in a Reserve Officer Training
35 Corps (R.O.T.C.) class, a significant component of which is
36 drills, shall satisfy the one-credit requirement in physical
37 education and the one-credit requirement in performing arts.
38 This credit may not be used to satisfy the personal fitness
39 requirement or the requirement for adaptive physical education
40 under an IEP or 504 plan.

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