

By Senator Arrington

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to recess requirements for middle school students; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring district school boards to provide a specified amount of free-play recess each week to students in grades 6 through 8; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.455 Physical education; assessment.-

(6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3), each district school board shall provide at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week for students in kindergarten through grade 8 5 so that there are at least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day. This requirement does not apply to charter schools.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1,

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.