

Council Substitute for  
Council Substitute for House Bill No. 967

An act relating to physical education; amending s. 1001.11, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to provide Internet access to information concerning professional development in physical education; amending s. 1003.01, F.S.; defining the term “physical education”; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; requiring district school boards to provide specified physical education for certain students; requiring reporting for funding purposes and auditing of records; requiring the State Board of Education to review and revise the Sunshine State Standards related to physical education; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 1001.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

1001.11 Commissioner of Education; other duties.—

(7) The commissioner shall make prominently available on the department’s website the following: links to the Internet-based clearinghouse for professional development regarding physical education which is established under s. 1012.98(4)(d); the school wellness and physical education policies and other resources required under s. 1003.453(1) and (2); and other Internet sites that provide professional development for elementary teachers of physical education as defined in s. 1003.01(16). These links must provide elementary teachers with information concerning current physical education and nutrition philosophy and best practices that result in student participation in physical activities that promote lifelong physical and mental well-being.

Section 2. Subsection (16) is added to section 1003.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(16) “Physical education” means the development or maintenance of skills related to strength, agility, flexibility, movement, and stamina, including dance; the development of knowledge and skills regarding teamwork and fair play; the development of knowledge and skills regarding nutrition and physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle; and the development of positive attitudes regarding sound nutrition and physical activity as a component of personal well-being.

Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

(3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes of physical education each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5. Students enrolled in such instruction shall be reported through the periodic student membership surveys, and records of such enrollment shall be audited pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided by any instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless of certification, who are designated by the school principal. Each district school board is encouraged to provide 150 minutes of physical education each week for students in kindergarten through grade 5 and 225 minutes of physical education each week for students in grades 6 through 8.

Section 4. During the 2007-2008 school year, the State Board of Education shall review and revise the Sunshine State Standards related to physical education to reflect state-of-the-art philosophy and practice. The revised standards shall emphasize the role of physical education in promoting the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that prepare students to make healthy lifelong nutrition and physical fitness choices.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor May 17, 2007.

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