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HOUSE BILL 11-1069

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(None),

House Committees
Education

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING MEASURES TO INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PUBLIC**
102 **SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill directs each school district board of education and the state charter school institute to adopt a policy that incorporates a minimum number of minutes of physical activity each week into each elementary school student's schedule. Each school district and the state charter school institute must report to the department of education

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

(department) specified information concerning the incorporation of physical activity into the school day, including during before- and after-school programming. The department must post the information on its web site, correlated with academic information through each school's school performance report.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** Article 32 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

4 **22-32-136.5. Children's wellness - physical activity**
5 **requirement - legislative declaration.** (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
6 HEREBY FINDS THAT:

7 (I) HEALTHY CHILDREN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED
8 LEARNERS, THEY DO BETTER IN SCHOOL, THEY HAVE IMPROVED
9 ATTENDANCE, AND THEY ARE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE BEHAVIORAL
10 PROBLEMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM;

11 (II) MANY STUDIES HAVE DOCUMENTED THE LINK BETWEEN THE
12 MIND AND BODY AND THE EFFECT OF MOVEMENT ON COGNITION AND
13 STIMULATED BLOOD FLOW AND OXYGEN TO A CHILD'S BRAIN;

14 (III) STUDIES ALSO SHOW THAT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IMPROVES
15 STUDENTS' ABILITY TO FOCUS AND DECREASES THE SYMPTOMS OF
16 ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER AND RELATED CONDITIONS;

17 (IV) CHILDREN WHO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS PART OF
18 THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT ARE HEALTHIER AND PROCESS INFORMATION
19 BETTER;

20 (V) THE GROWING TREND OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY IS ALSO
21 BEGINNING TO AFFECT THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. RECENT
22 REPORTS SHOW THAT, NATIONALLY, APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF ALL
23 POTENTIAL MILITARY RECRUITS ARE INELIGIBLE TO JOIN BECAUSE THEY

1 ARE OVERWEIGHT AND OUT OF SHAPE;

2 (VI) SCHOOL IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT MANY CHILDREN ARE
3 EXPOSED TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY;

4 (VII) ACCORDING TO THE 2009 CHILD HEALTH SURVEY
5 CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT,
6 ONE IN FOUR COLORADO CHILDREN ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, AND
7 ONLY FIFTY-THREE AND FIVE TENTHS PERCENT OF CHILDREN MEET DAILY
8 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

9 (VIII) BETWEEN 2003 AND 2007, COLORADO'S CHILD OBESITY
10 NATIONAL RANKING DROPPED FROM THIRD LEANEST IN THE COUNTY TO
11 TWENTY-THIRD, AND THE NUMBER OF OBESE CHILDREN IN COLORADO TEN
12 TO SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE INCREASED FROM FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND
13 TO SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND.

14 (b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THAT, BY
15 SUPPORTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COLORADO WILL
16 ENSURE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES THAT BUILD
17 THEIR BODIES AND THEIR BRAINS AND SUPPORT THEIR ABILITIES TO THINK,
18 REACT, CREATE, AND LEARN.

19 (2) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
20 OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY" MAY INCLUDE, BUT NEED
21 NOT BE LIMITED TO:

22 (a) EXERCISE PROGRAMS;

23 (b) FITNESS BREAKS;

24 (c) RECESS;

25 (d) FIELD TRIPS THAT INCLUDE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY;

26 (e) CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY;

27 AND

1 (f) PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES.

2 (3) (a) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL
3 ADOPT A PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY THAT INCORPORATES INTO THE
4 SCHEDULE OF EACH STUDENT ATTENDING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE
5 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STUDENT TO ENGAGE IN:

6 (I) A MINIMUM OF SIX HUNDRED MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
7 PER MONTH IF THE CLASSES AT THE SCHOOL MEET FIVE DAYS PER WEEK
8 AND THE STUDENT ATTENDS SCHOOL FOR A FULL DAY;

9 (II) A MINIMUM OF THREE HUNDRED MINUTES OF PHYSICAL
10 ACTIVITY PER MONTH IF THE CLASSES AT THE SCHOOL MEET FIVE DAYS PER
11 WEEK AND THE STUDENT ATTENDS SCHOOL FOR A HALF DAY;

12 (III) A MINIMUM OF THIRTY MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PER
13 DAY IF THE CLASSES AT THE SCHOOL MEET FEWER THAN FIVE DAYS PER
14 WEEK AND THE STUDENT ATTENDS SCHOOL FOR A FULL DAY; AND

15 (IV) A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PER
16 DAY IF THE CLASSES AT THE SCHOOL MEET FEWER THAN FIVE DAYS PER
17 WEEK AND THE STUDENT ATTENDS SCHOOL FOR A HALF DAY.

18 (b) THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY MAY INCLUDE AN EXCEPTION
19 FOR ANY MONTH THAT INCLUDES A PLANNED OR UNPLANNED FULL-DAY OR
20 HALF-DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE.

21 (c) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL
22 IMPLEMENT THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY POLICY BEGINNING WITH THE 2011-12
23 SCHOOL YEAR.

24 (d) EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY REQUIRE
25 THE PERSON OR COMMITTEE IN EACH SCHOOL DESIGNATED TO ENSURE
26 THAT THE SCHOOL COMPLIES WITH THE LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY, AS
27 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-136, OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY
2 COMMITTEES CREATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11 OF THIS TITLE TO REVIEW
3 AND ADVISE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL REGARDING
4 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL'S PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
5 POLICY AND COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

6 (e) THE EXPECTATION THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT ADOPT A POLICY
7 CONCERNING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS NOT
8 INTENDED TO DICTATE INSTRUCTION IN THE CLASSROOM.

9 (f) A SCHOOL THAT, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2011, PROVIDES MORE
10 THAN THE MINIMUM MINUTES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
11 SUBSECTION (3) SHALL NOT DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF PHYSICAL
12 ACTIVITY AS A RESULT OF THE POLICY SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF
13 THIS SUBSECTION (3); EXCEPT THAT THE SCHOOL MAY DECREASE ITS
14 REQUIRED MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO BUDGETARY
15 CONSTRAINTS, SO LONG AS THE SCHOOL COMPLIES WITH THE
16 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3).

17 (g) A SCHOOL SHALL NOT SUBSTITUTE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR
18 PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.

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20 SECTION 2. 22-30.5-505, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
21 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22 22-30.5-505. State charter school institute - institute board -
23 appointment - powers and duties - rules - repeal. (18) THE
24 INSTITUTE SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY CONCERNING
25 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN INSTITUTE CHARTER
26 SCHOOL AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-32-136.5.

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1 **SECTION 3.** 22-11-503 (3) (g), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 **22-11-503. Performance reports - contents - rules.** (3) In
4 addition to any information specified by rule of the state board, each
5 school performance report shall include the following information
6 concerning the operations and environment of the public school that is the
7 subject of the report:

8 (g) Information, as described in state board rule, concerning
9 programs and services that are available at the public school to support
10 student health and wellness. THE STATE BOARD IS ENCOURAGED TO
11 INCLUDE IN THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT INFORMATION
12 CONCERNING EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AND EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
13 INCORPORATION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INTO THE SCHOOL DAY.

14 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.