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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 729

By: Helton of the Senate

and

Boyd (Betty) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Oklahoma Physical Education Act; stating legislative intent and findings; prescribing certain components of physical education programs; providing definitions; requiring certain physical education programs in public school; stating minimum requirements of physical education programs; requiring certain teacher certification and qualification; prohibiting substitution for certain courses; allowing substitution of certain athletic programs; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-111 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Physical Education Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-112 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Legislature finds that for the purpose of promoting positive physical wellness for the children of Oklahoma it is essential that all Oklahoma school districts implement a curriculum of physical education that extends from kindergarten through twelfth grade. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that such curriculum include for all students in this state developmentally appropriate physical education skills. Such curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, movement skills, fitness components, sports pedagogy, appropriate personal management, group leadership skills, and wellness components.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-113 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

For purposes of this act, the following definitions apply:

1. "Movement skills" means gymnastic activities, rhythmical activities, fundamental movement skills and open kinetic chain movements;

2. "Fitness components" means cognitive knowledge and psychomotor skills which affect muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, body composition and aerobic endurance activities;

3. "Sports pedagogy" means participation and involvement in physical activities suitable for lifelong participation;

4. "Appropriate personal management skills" means development skills related to interest in and enjoyment of physical activities;

5. "Group leadership skills" means development of interpersonal skills which encourage social interaction skills; and

6. "Wellness components" means nutrition, stress management, safety and accident prevention, weight control, injury prevention, consumer education, and assessment and monitoring of personal fitness programs.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-114 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning with the 1997-98 school year, each public school in the state shall provide for the teaching of physical education for all students in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

B. Physical education shall be taught during the entire school year as follows:

1. For grades kindergarten through sixth grade, a minimum of sixty (60) minutes a week shall be mandatory for all students;

2. For grades seven through nine, a minimum of one year of physical education must be offered, providing the opportunity for all students to participate; and

3. For grades ten through twelve, a minimum of one year for physical education must be offered, providing the opportunity for all students to participate.

C. The Physical Education section of the Priority Academic Student Skills will serve as the state curriculum guideline for the subject of physical education.

D. The certification required to teach physical education shall be a standard certificate in physical education endorsement. In kindergarten through sixth grade only a certified elementary education teacher with endorsement in methods of teaching physical education may teach physical education.

E. No courses shall be substituted for the physical education class.

F. Athletics at the grade levels of ten through twelve may qualify for physical education credit.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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