

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

House Bill No. 2650

HOUSE BILL NO. 2650 - By: INMAN of the House and ALDRIDGE of the Senate.

An Act relating to schools; amending Section 1, Chapter 29, O.S.L. 2005, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 11-103.9), which relates to physical education program requirements; deleting obsolete language; allowing school districts to exclude certain students from physical education or exercise programs requirements; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 29, O.S.L. 2005, as amended
2 by Section 1, Chapter 258, O.S.L. 2007 (70 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 11-103.9), is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Section 11-103.9 A. ~~Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year~~ Except as otherwise
5 provided for in this section, the State Board of Education shall require, as a condition of
6 accreditation, that school districts provide to all students physical education programs
7 which may include athletics.

8 B. ~~Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, the~~ The Board shall require, as a
9 condition of accreditation, that public elementary schools provide instruction, for
10 students in full-day kindergarten and grades one through five, in physical education or
11 exercise programs for a minimum of an average of sixty (60) minutes each week. The
12 time students participate in recess shall not be counted toward the sixty-minutes-per-

1 week physical education requirement. Schools may exclude from participation in the
2 physical education or exercise programs required in this subsection those students who
3 have been placed into an in-house suspension or detention class or placement.

4 C. The Board shall disseminate information to each school district on the benefits
5 of physical education programs and shall strongly encourage districts to provide physical
6 education instruction to students in grades six through twelve. The Board shall also
7 strongly encourage school districts to incorporate physical activity into the school day by
8 providing to students in full-day kindergarten and grades one through five at least a
9 twenty-minute daily recess, which shall be in addition to the sixty (60) minutes of
10 required physical education, and by allowing all students brief physical activity breaks
11 throughout the day, physical activity clubs, and special events.

12 D. School districts shall provide to parents or guardians of students a physical
13 activity report. The report shall be provided to parents and guardians at least annually
14 and shall include:

- 15 1. A summary on how physical activity is being incorporated into the school day;
- 16 2. A summary of the types of physical activities the students are exposed to in the
17 physical education programs;
- 18 3. Suggestions on monitoring the physical activity progress of a child and how to
19 encourage regular participation in physical activity; and
- 20 4. Information on the benefits of physical education and physical activity.

21 E. Instruction in physical education required in this section shall be aligned with
22 the Priority Academic Student Skills as adopted by the Board.

1 F. The Board shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

3 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof
5 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 02-12-08 - DO
7 PASS, As Coauthored.