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THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1186
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1186 - By: EASLEY of the Senate and COODY of the House.

[schools - physical education programs - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 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), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-103.9 A. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, the State Board of Education shall require, as a condition of accreditation, that school districts provide to all students physical education programs which may include athletics.

B. Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, the Board shall require, as a condition of accreditation, that public elementary schools provide instruction, for students in full-day kindergarten and grades one through five, in physical education or exercise programs for a minimum of an average of ~~sixty (60)~~ one hundred twenty (120) minutes each week. The time students participate in recess shall not be counted toward the ~~sixty minutes per week~~

1 physical education requirement of one hundred twenty (120) minutes
2 per week.

3 C. The Board shall disseminate information to each school
4 district on the benefits of physical education programs and shall
5 strongly encourage districts to provide physical education
6 instruction to students in grades six through twelve. The Board
7 shall also strongly encourage school districts to incorporate
8 physical activity into the school day by providing to students in
9 full-day kindergarten and grades one through five at least a twenty-
10 minute daily recess, which shall be in addition to the ~~sixty (60)~~
11 one hundred twenty (120) minutes per week of required physical
12 education, and by allowing all students brief physical activity
13 breaks throughout the day, physical activity clubs, and special
14 events.

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

18 1. A summary on how physical activity is being incorporated
19 into the school day;

20 2. A summary of the types of physical activities to which the
21 students are exposed ~~to~~ in the physical education programs;

1 3. Suggestions on monitoring the physical activity progress of
2 a child and how to encourage regular participation in physical
3 activity; and

4 4. Information on the benefits of physical education and
5 physical activity.

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

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

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

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-11-08 - DO
17 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.