

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1051

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An Act relating to schools; directing local school districts to conduct an annual fitness assessment; requiring assessments to include certain methods, factors and standards; requiring annual submission of certain results; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt and disseminate certain standards and benchmarks; authorizing certain funding; requiring annual report be submitted to the Governor; authorizing the Governor to establish recognition programs; authorizing certain collaboration; requiring certain posting on the Board's website; 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 11-103.9b of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, each local school district shall conduct an annual fitness assessment, as approved by the State Board of Education, each school year for students in

1 grades four through eight, to be conducted only during a physical
2 education course in which a student is enrolled. Such assessments
3 shall include methods deemed by the State Board of Education as
4 appropriate to ascertain levels of student physical fitness and
5 include the factors and standards required in subsection B of this
6 section.

7 B. The minimum required contents of the assessment shall
8 address the measurements and assessment instruments to be used by a
9 school district in assessing student physical fitness under this
10 section. The assessment instruments shall:

11 1. Be based on factors related to student health, including
12 the following factors that have been identified as essential to
13 overall health and function:

- 14 a. aerobic capacity,
- 15 b. body composition, and
- 16 c. muscular strength, endurance and flexibility; and

17 2. Include criterion-referenced standards specific to a
18 student's age and gender and based on the physical fitness level
19 required for good health.

20 C. A school district shall annually provide the results of
21 individual student performance on the physical fitness assessment
22 required by this section to the State Board of Education. The
23 results shall not contain the name of the individual students, the
24 student's Social Security number or the student's date of birth.

1 D. The State Board of Education shall adopt and disseminate to
2 local school districts standards which adequately express the most
3 current and widely accepted best practices and benchmarks in the
4 areas of student health and physical education. The State Board of
5 Education's efforts may be supported with state, federal or private
6 funding or a combination thereof.

7 E. The State Board of Education shall submit an annual report
8 to the Governor, beginning October 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.
9 The report shall include the compliance status of each local school
10 district. The Governor may, in coordination with the State Board of
11 Education, establish one or more recognition programs to acknowledge
12 local school districts and schools which have most improved in their
13 physical fitness assessments. The Governor may collaborate with
14 private corporations in the development and implementation of
15 recognition programs pursuant to this subsection, including
16 providing monetary or other incentives to local school districts or
17 schools for attaining certain levels of health status. All local
18 school districts or schools receiving acknowledgment through a
19 recognition program established by the Governor pursuant to this
20 subsection shall also be recognized on the State Board of
21 Education's website.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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

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