



Bill Number: House Bill 967

Bill Title: Physical education

Bill Sponsor: Representative Weatherford, Schools and Learning Council,
Policy and Budget Council

Effective Date: Upon becoming law

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Executive Summary:

- Requires the Commissioner to make prominently available on the Department's Web site links to a clearinghouse of professional development for Physical Education (PE), school wellness, PE policies and other resources, and other Web sites that provide professional development for elementary PE teachers.
- These resources must include current PE and nutrition philosophy and best practices that result in student participation in physical activities that promote lifelong physical and mental well-being.
- Defines PE as "the development and maintenance of skills related to strength, agility, flexibility, movement, and stamina, including dance; the development of knowledge and skills regarding teamwork and fair play; the development of knowledge and skills regarding nutrition and physical fitness as part of a healthy lifestyle; and the development of positive attitudes regarding sound nutrition and physical activity as a component of personal well-being."
- Requires 150 minutes of PE per week for grades K-5.
- Students enrolled in physical education instruction shall be reported through the periodic student membership survey.
- Records of enrollment in physical education instruction shall be audited pursuant to s. 1010.305.
- Defines those approved to teach PE in grades K-5 as instructional personnel defined in section 1012.01(2), F.S., regardless of certification, who are designated by the school principal. This includes classroom teachers, student services personnel, librarians/media specialists, other instructional staff, and paraprofessionals.
- Continues to encourage 225 minutes per week of PE in grades 6-8 (existing language)
- Requires Sunshine State Standards (SSS) for PE to be reviewed and revised during the 2007-08 school year to reflect state-of-the-art philosophy and practice. The revised standards shall emphasize the role of physical education in promoting the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that prepare students to make healthy lifelong nutrition and physical fitness choices.

General Implementation Timeline:

- Elementary school requirement to begin in the 2007-08 school year.
- Standards review and revision to occur during the 2007-08 school year.