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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the collection and maintenance of obesity-
2 related data by the Iowa department of public health and
3 participating elementary and secondary schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HUMAN RESOURCES

1 Section 1. Section 135.11, Code 2003, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 30. Establish a program to collect and
4 maintain data on the height, weight, and body mass index of
5 students attending participating elementary and secondary
6 schools in the state. The department, in consultation with
7 the department of education, shall do all of the following:

8 a. Recruit schools that are interested in determining and
9 tracking the prevalence of overweight students in the schools'
10 student population. Except as otherwise provided in this
11 paragraph, a participating school must agree to weigh and
12 measure all students enrolled in the school to ensure the
13 accuracy and validity of the data collected and reported. A
14 student shall not be weighed and measured if the student's
15 parent or guardian files with the appropriate principal a
16 written request that the student be excused from participating
17 in the program.

18 b. Provide technical assistance to schools to implement
19 the program. Technical assistance shall include identifying
20 appropriate equipment and techniques to use when weighing and
21 measuring students. The weighing and measuring of students
22 shall be done under sanitary conditions and with regard for
23 the privacy of the student in a location at the school in
24 which other persons are not present.

25 c. Develop a system of numerical and alpha identifiers to
26 allow for reporting data by school, school district, and
27 county. The data shall be maintained by the school, school
28 district, and the department in a manner that prevents the
29 individual identification of any students.

30 d. Enter data electronically into the federal centers for
31 disease control and prevention's pediatric nutrition
32 surveillance system.

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EXPLANATION

34 This bill directs the Iowa department of public health to
35 establish a program to collect and maintain data on the

1 height, weight, and body mass index of students attending
2 elementary and secondary schools that voluntarily participate
3 in the program.

4 The department must recruit the schools in consultation
5 with the department of education; provide technical assistance
6 to participating schools; develop numerical and alpha
7 identifiers, yet protect the individual identity of students;
8 and enter data electronically into the federal centers for
9 disease control and prevention's pediatric nutrition
10 surveillance system.

11 A participating school must agree to weigh and measure all
12 students enrolled in the school under sanitary conditions and
13 with regard for the privacy of each student. However, a
14 student is excused from participation in the program if the
15 student's parent files with the principal a written request to
16 excuse the student.

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