

SENATE FILE 274
BY WOOD

EDUCATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of education to perform a review
2 of the educational standards for physical education.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 274 EDUCATION

1 Section 1. REVIEW OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS.

2 1. The department of education shall review the
3 educational standards adopted for physical education under
4 section 256.11, subsections 3, 4, and 5, for children in
5 grades one through six, grades seven and eight, and grades
6 nine through twelve.

7 2. In reviewing the standards for physical education, the
8 department shall consider the current level of health and
9 physical fitness prevalent among students, expansion of the
10 standards for physical education, and ways to ensure students
11 perform adequate physical exercise. The review shall include
12 approaches used in other states' educational programs. In
13 addition, the review shall include proposals and research
14 available from national and local programs and experts such as
15 the national association for sport and physical education; the
16 Iowa association for health, physical education, recreation,
17 and dance; the American alliance for health, physical
18 education, recreation, and dance; and the university of Iowa
19 college of public health.

20 3. The department shall submit a report of its findings
21 and recommendations to the governor and general assembly on or
22 before December 15, 2005. The recommendations shall address
23 ways to expose students to the greatest variety of physical
24 activities, to instill knowledge of the importance of good
25 physical fitness to general health and a desire for lifelong
26 physical activity, and to reduce the level of obesity in the
27 state.

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EXPLANATION

29 This bill directs the department of education to perform a
30 review of the educational standards for physical education for
31 students in the three grade level divisions used for grades
32 one through 12. The review is to include the current level of
33 physical fitness prevalent among students, consideration of
34 expansion of the physical education standards, and approaches
35 advocated by various local and national organizations. The

1 department is to report to the governor and general assembly
2 with findings and recommendations by December 15, 2005.

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