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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring school districts to provide certain physical
2 education-related information annually in a report to the
3 department of education.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.65 Physical education classes
2 and instructors — annual report.

3 1. The board of directors of each school district shall
4 compile statistics and data relating to physical education
5 classes and instruction offered by the school district as a
6 whole and by attendance center, as appropriate, in a format
7 as determined by the department of education, which shall be
8 submitted annually to the department as a component of the
9 comprehensive school improvement plan submitted pursuant to
10 section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph "a". The department
11 shall make the information submitted in the reports publicly
12 available and searchable by school district and attendance
13 center on the department's internet site.

14 2. Each school district report required under subsection 1
15 shall include all of the following information:

16 a. The number of physical education classes offered at
17 each attendance center in the school district, detailed by the
18 number of days, classes, and minutes offered each week by each
19 attendance center.

20 b. The ratio of students enrolled in physical education
21 classes in the school district compared to the overall
22 enrollment.

23 c. The average physical education class size at each
24 attendance center in the school district.

25 d. The number of practitioners, as defined in section 272.1,
26 in the school district who teach physical education and who are
27 endorsed to teach physical education, arranged by credential
28 and grade levels taught.

29 e. Whether each attendance center in the school district has
30 the appropriate equipment and adequate facilities for students
31 to engage in the amount of physical activity required under
32 section 256.11 or required under rules adopted by the state
33 board of education to implement section 256.11.

34 f. Whether the school district permits modifications or
35 accommodations that allow physical education classes to meet

1 the needs of students with disabilities.

2 g. Whether the school district has a policy that allows
3 teachers or administrators in the school district to withhold
4 physical activity from a student as punishment.

5 EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill requires school districts to compile statistics
9 and data relating to physical education classes and instruction
10 offered by the school district and its attendance centers for a
11 report that shall be submitted annually to the department of
12 education as a component of the school district's comprehensive
13 school improvement plan. The department shall make the
14 information from the reports available and searchable by school
15 district and attendance center on its internet site.