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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the department of education to compile reports
2 on physical education programs in school districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.38 Physical education programs
2 — annual reports.

3 1. Beginning with the school year starting July 1, 2019,
4 the department shall annually compile reports on statistics and
5 data relating to physical education classes and instruction
6 offered by each school district as a whole and by attendance
7 center in a format determined by the department. The
8 department shall make the reports publicly available and
9 searchable by school district and attendance center on the
10 department's internet site. School districts and attendance
11 centers shall provide the department with information as
12 necessary to compile the reports upon request.

13 2. Each report shall include all of the following
14 information:

15 a. The number of students taking physical education classes
16 at each attendance center.

17 b. The average class size of physical education classes at
18 each attendance center.

19 c. The number of days per school year students take physical
20 education classes at each attendance center.

21 d. The number of class periods, blocks, or other applicable
22 measurement per week of physical education classes at each
23 attendance center.

24 e. The total minutes of physical education instruction
25 individual students receive per week at each attendance center.

26 f. Whether the school district has sufficient equipment and
27 facilities per attendance center and per student.

28 g. The frequency of inspection of physical education
29 equipment and facilities.

30 h. Whether the school district has a policy that allows
31 teachers or administrators in the school district to withhold
32 physical activity from a student as punishment.

33 i. Whether students in the school district are allowed to
34 opt out of physical education to prepare for other classes or
35 standardized tests.

1 *j.* Whether the district allows student exemptions or
2 substitutions for physical education.

3 *k.* Whether the school district is implementing the
4 presidential youth fitness program or a similar program that
5 integrates student fitness assessment, annual professional
6 development for teachers that is specific to their field, and
7 recognition for students who are achieving a healthy fitness
8 zone.

9 *l.* Whether the school district is reporting individual
10 results to students and parents and aggregate results to the
11 department.

12 *m.* If state law authorizes a school district to seek a
13 waiver of state-mandated physical education requirements,
14 whether the school district has applied for such a waiver.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill requires the department of education, beginning
19 with the school year starting July 1, 2019, to annually compile
20 reports on statistics and data relating to physical education
21 classes and instruction offered by each school district as a
22 whole and by attendance center in a format determined by the
23 department. The department is required to make the reports
24 publicly available and searchable by school district and
25 attendance center on the department's internet site. The bill
26 specifies information that must be included in the reports.
27 The bill requires school districts and attendance centers to
28 provide the department with information as necessary to compile
29 the reports upon request.