

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, all elementary and middle schools are required to have a coordinated school health program (program). Each school campus is also required to submit an annual campus improvement plan (plan) to the school board to assess academic programs and performance. However, there is no element to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the program. This bill will increase accountability for student health by including a coordinated school health evaluation in each elementary and middle school's plan.

S.B. 892 amends current law relating to inclusion in a public school campus improvement plan of goals and objectives for the campus coordinated health program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.253(d), Education Code, to require that each campus improvement plan, if the campus is an elementary, middle, or junior high school, set goals and objectives for the coordinated health program at the campus based on student fitness assessment data, including any data from research-based assessments such as the school health index assessment and planning tool created by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; student academic performance data; student attendance rates; the percentage of students who are educationally disadvantaged; the use and success of any method to ensure that students participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity as required by Section 28.002(1) (relating to requiring a school district to require a certain grade student to participate in a certain level of physical activity); and any other indicator recommended by the local school health advisory council.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.