

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 892
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, all elementary and middle schools are required to have a coordinated school health program. Each school campus also is required to submit an annual campus improvement plan to the school district board of trustees to assess academic programs and performance. This plan does not, however, contain information that might be used to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the health program.

S.B. 892 increases student health accountability by requiring each elementary, middle, or junior high school's campus improvement plan to include the goals and objectives of a school's coordinated health program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 892 amends the Education Code to require the mandatory campus improvement plan for an elementary, middle, or junior high school to set goals and objectives for the coordinated health program at the campus based on student fitness assessment data, 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 under the public education curriculum, and any other indicator recommended by the local school health advisory council. The bill makes its provisions applicable beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.