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H.B. No. 3741

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to physical education curriculum and instruction in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21.003, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Each school district shall employ at least one person who is certified specifically for the purpose of providing physical education instruction by the State Board for Educator Certification under Subchapter B.

SECTION 2. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In identifying the essential knowledge and skills for the physical education curriculum under Subsection (a)(2)(C), the board shall ensure that the curriculum:

(1) enables students to develop the knowledge, motor skills, attitudes, and confidence necessary to maintain regular lifetime physical activity;

(2) is consistent with national standards defining the knowledge and skills that should be acquired by students through physical education;

(3) provides for significant portions of physical education class time to involve physical activity;

(4) meets the needs of all students and provides for

1 many different physical activity choices, including cooperative as  
2 well as competitive games;

3 (5) is responsive to gender and cultural differences  
4 in students' interests;

5 (6) provides for instruction in self-management  
6 skills as well as movement skills;

7 (7) provides for active instruction regarding  
8 cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation in physical  
9 activity; and

10 (8) promotes participation in physical activity  
11 outside of school.

12 SECTION 3. The State Board of Education shall modify the  
13 essential knowledge and skills for physical education as necessary  
14 to comply with Section 28.002(d), Education Code, as added by this  
15 Act, not later than the date that permits instruction reflecting  
16 the requirements of that section to be provided beginning with the  
17 2010-2011 school year.

18 SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this  
19 Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010 school year.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.