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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

## AN ACT

relating to the public school physical education curriculum.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
(d) The physical education curriculum required under Subsection (a) (2) (C) must be sequential, developmentally appropriate, and designed, implemented, and evaluated to enable students to develop the motor, self-management, and other skills, knowledge, attitudes, and confidence necessary to participate in physical activity throughout life. Each school district shall establish specific objectives and goals the district intends to accomplish through the physical education curriculum. In identifying the essential knowledge and skills of physical education, the State Board of Education shall ensure that the curriculum:
(1) emphasizes the knowledge and skills capable of being used during a lifetime of regular physical activity;
(2) is consistent with national physical education standards for:
(A) the information that students should learn about physical activity; and
(B) the physical activities that students should
be able to perform;
(3) requires that, on a weekly basis, at least 50 percent of the physical education class be used for actual student physical activity and that the activity be, to the extent practicable, at a moderate or vigorous level;
(4) offers students an opportunity to choose among many types of physical activity in which to participate;
(5) offers students both cooperative and competitive games;
(6) meets the needs of students of all physical ability levels, including students who have a disability, chronic health problem, or other special need that precludes the student from participating in regular physical education instruction but who might be able to participate in physical education that is suitably adapted and, if applicable, included in the student's individualized education program;
(7) takes into account the effect that gender and cultural differences might have on the degree of student interest in physical activity or on the types of physical activity in which a student is interested;
(8) teaches self-management and movement skills;
(9) teaches cooperation, fair play, and responsible participation in physical activity;
(10) promotes student participation in physical activity outside of school; and
(11) allows physical education classes to be an enjoyable experience for students.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 25, Education Code, is

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    amended by adding Section 25.114 to read as follows:
    Sec. 25.114. STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION
    CLASSES. In implementing the curriculum for physical education
    under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C), each school district shall
establish specific objectives and goals the district intends to
accomplish through the curriculum, including, to the extent
practicable, student/teacher ratios that are small enough to enable
the district to:
    (1) carry out the purposes of and requirements for the
physical education curriculum as provided under Section 28.002(d);
and
    (2) ensure the safety of students participating in
physical education.
    SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
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