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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.S.B. No. 1 (house committee report) in Article III
2 of the bill immediately following the appropriations to the Texas
3 Education Agency by adding the following appropriately numbered
4 rider:

5 _____. Texas Fitness Now Grant Program Study. Out of the
6 amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety,
7 the Texas Education Agency shall contract with an external entity
8 to study and evaluate the effectiveness of the Texas Fitness Now
9 grant program. The Texas Education Agency shall provide the
10 external entity conducting the study with all individual-level
11 physical assessment data provided to the agency for all school
12 years under Section 38.103, Education Code, for all schools
13 participating in the Texas Fitness Now grant program and all
14 schools not participating in the program. The evaluation of the
15 Texas Fitness Now grant program should be designed to estimate what
16 causal effect the Texas Fitness Now grant program has on all the
17 fitness measures collected in the school physical assessment data
18 provided by the Texas Education Agency, including body mass index
19 and the number of overweight and obese students. To estimate the
20 causal effect of the physical assessments required under Section
21 38.101, Education Code, the evaluation of the Texas Fitness Now
22 grant program should use a regression-discontinuity design that
23 focuses on the differences between schools at which at least 70
24 percent but not more than 80 percent of students are economically
25 disadvantaged.