

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO INCREASE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION TIME IN

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OTHER PURPOSES.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-132(b)(1), regarding physical
25 education requirements for public school students, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (b)(1)(A) ~~Every kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) public~~
28 ~~educational institution shall require no less than a total of~~ The physical
29 education curriculum and physical activity requirements for every public
30 school student who is physically fit and able to participate are:

31 (i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii)
32 of this section, for students in kindergarten through grade six (K-6):

33 (a) ~~one (1) hour per week~~ Sixty (60) minutes
34 of physical education training and instruction each calendar week of the
35 school year for every student who is physically fit and able to participate;



1 and

2 (b) Ninety (90) minutes of physical activity
3 each calendar week of the school year, which may include without limitation
4 daily recess, physical education instruction in addition to the requirement
5 of subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i)(a) of this section, or intramural sports;

6 (ii) For students in grades five through eight (5-8)
7 who attend a public school organized to teach grades five through eight (5-
8 8), or any combination thereof, sixty (60) minutes of physical education
9 training and instruction each calendar week of the school year or an
10 equivalent amount of time in each school year, with no additional requirement
11 for physical activity; and

12 (iii) For students in grades nine through twelve (9-
13 12), one-half (1/2) unit of physical education as required for high school
14 graduation, with no additional requirement for physical activity.

15 (B) Nothing in subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section
16 prohibits:

17 (i) A public school student's elective enrollment or
18 voluntary participation in physical activity or physical education as a part
19 of public school curriculum or extra-curricular activities; or

20 (ii) A school district's decision to require physical
21 education instruction or physical activity in excess of the amounts
22 identified in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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24 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-132, concerning the physical education
25 curriculum requirement for public schools, is amended to add an additional
26 subsection to read as follows:

27 (g) The State Board of Education shall submit to the House Interim
28 Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education for the
29 committees' review any proposed rules regarding physical education or
30 physical activity standards for grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12)
31 developed pursuant to this section that exceed the maximums identified in
32 subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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34 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(f), concerning the nutrition and
35 physical education standards for public school children, is amended to read
36 as follows:

