



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 204

*Senate, April 6, 2006*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2007, the Department of Education shall (1) develop guidelines for  
3 addressing the physical health needs of students in a comprehensive  
4 manner that coordinates services, and (2) make available to each local  
5 and regional board of education a copy of the guidelines. The  
6 department shall develop the guidelines after consultation with (A) the  
7 chairpersons and ranking members of (i) the joint standing committee  
8 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
9 education, and (ii) the select committee of the General Assembly  
10 having cognizance of matters relating to children, and (B) at least one  
11 state-wide nonprofit organization with expertise in child wellness or  
12 physical exercise. The guidelines shall not be deemed to be regulations,  
13 as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes. Local and regional  
14 boards of education shall establish and implement plans based on the

15 guidelines in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

16 (b) The guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Plans  
17 for engaging students in daily physical exercise during regular school  
18 hours and strategies for engaging students in daily physical exercise  
19 before and after regular school hours, (2) strategies for coordinating  
20 school-based health education, programs and services, (3) procedures  
21 for assessing the need for community-based services such as services  
22 provided by school-based health clinics, family resource centers and  
23 after-school programs, and (4) procedures for maximizing monetary  
24 and other resources from local, state and federal sources to address the  
25 physical health needs of students.

26 (c) Not later than April 1, 2007, each local and regional board of  
27 education shall (1) establish a comprehensive and coordinated plan to  
28 address the physical health needs of students, and (2) base its plan on  
29 the guidelines developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The  
30 board shall implement such plan for the 2007-2008 school year and  
31 shall have a plan in place for each school year thereafter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

<b>KID</b>	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	ED
<b>ED</b>	<i>Joint Favorable Subst. C/R</i>	APP
<b>APP</b>	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 07 \$	FY 08 \$
All Municipalities	None	None	None

**Explanation**

The development of guidelines regarding physical health by the State Department of Education can be carried out within currently available resources. The establishment of plans in this area by local and regional school districts can be achieved without the need for resources beyond which they already have.

**The Out Years**

There is no out-year fiscal impact associated with this bill just as there is no current year impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 204*****AN ACT PROMOTING THE PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS OF STUDENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires local and regional boards of education, by April 1, 2007, to establish a comprehensive, coordinated plan to address their students' physical health needs. Their plans must be based on State Department of Education (SDE) guidelines. School boards must implement them by the 2007-08 school year and have a plan in place for each successive school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**SDE GUIDELINES**

The bill requires SDE, by January 1, 2007, to develop guidelines and give copies to each local and regional board of education. They must first consult with (1) the chairpersons and ranking members of the Education and Children's committees and (2) at least one statewide nonprofit organization with expertise in child wellness or physical exercise.

***Required Topics***

The guidelines must include, at a minimum:

1. plans for engaging students in daily exercise (a) during the regular school days and (b) before and after school;
2. strategies for coordinating school-based health education, programs, and services;

3. procedures to assess the need for community-based services, including those provided by school-based health clinics, family resource centers, and after-school programs; and
4. procedures for maximizing funding and other resources from local, state, and federal sources.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 11 Nay 1 (03/09/2006)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/22/2006)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 41 Nay 8 (04/04/2006)