



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 204

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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

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