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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Each local and regional
2 board of education shall provide for an assessment of the body mass
3 index of each child enrolled in the sixth grade in schools under the
4 board's jurisdiction. The school shall notify the parent or guardian of
5 each such child of the results of such assessment and whether such
6 results qualify the child as being underweight, at a healthy weight, at
7 risk of becoming overweight or overweight based on percentiles for
8 the age and the gender of the child published by the United States
9 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For purposes of this
10 section, a child is (1) underweight if the child's body mass index is in a
11 range that is less than the fifth percentile, (2) at a healthy weight if the
12 child's body mass index is at or above the fifth percentile, but less than
13 the eighty-fifth percentile, (3) at risk of becoming overweight if the
14 child's body mass index is in the range that is greater than the eighty-
15 fifth percentile, but less than the ninety-fifth percentile, or (4)
16 overweight if the child's body mass index is in the range that is greater
17 than the ninety-fifth percentile.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To prevent childhood obesity.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]