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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6525

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE IN SCHOOLS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a Task  
4 Force on Childhood Obesity to study the effects of obesity on  
5 children's health. The task force shall consist of the following members:  
6 (1) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or said  
7 commissioner's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Social Services, or  
8 said commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education, or  
9 said commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Public Health,  
10 or said commissioner's designee, (5) the president pro tempore of the  
11 Senate, or the president's designee, (6) the speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives, or the speaker's designee, (7) the majority leader of  
13 the Senate, or said majority leader's designee, (8) the majority leader of  
14 the House of Representatives, or said majority leader's designee, (9)

15 the minority leader of the Senate, or said minority leader's designee,  
16 (10) the minority leader of the House of Representatives, or said  
17 minority leader's designee, (11) the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons  
18 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General  
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, (12) a  
20 dietician-nutritionist licensed under chapter 384b of the general  
21 statutes who has a background in food service appointed by the  
22 Commissioner of Public Health, and (13) two members of the public  
23 appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the  
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
25 one of whom is an advocate for children's health matters and one of  
26 whom is an academic, civic or cultural leader specializing in children's  
27 health matters. All appointments to the task force shall be made not  
28 later than July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
29 authority.

30 (b) The task force shall: (1) Gather and maintain current information  
31 regarding childhood obesity that can be used to better understand the  
32 impact of obesity on children's health; (2) examine the nutrition  
33 standards for all food procured by the state; (3) explore ways to  
34 increase physical activity in children; (4) recommend the  
35 implementation of a pilot program through one local or regional board  
36 of education to schedule recess before lunch in elementary school; and  
37 (5) advise the General Assembly and Governor concerning the  
38 coordination and administration of state programs that may reduce the  
39 incidents of childhood obesity.

40 (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a  
41 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
42 cognizance of matters relating to children, in accordance with the  
43 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, detailing the task  
44 force's findings pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

45 Sec. 2. Section 10-221o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

47       (a) Each local and regional board of education shall require each  
48 school under its jurisdiction to (1) offer all full day students a daily  
49 lunch period of not less than twenty minutes, and (2) include in the  
50 regular school day for each student enrolled in [grades kindergarten to  
51 five, inclusive,] elementary school time devoted to physical exercise of  
52 not less than twenty minutes in total, except that a planning and  
53 placement team may develop a different schedule for a child requiring  
54 special education and related services in accordance with chapter 164  
55 and the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et  
56 seq., as amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict with this  
57 section and any provision of chapter 164, such other provision of  
58 chapter 164 shall be deemed controlling.

59       (b) Not later than October 1, 2013, each local and regional board of  
60 education shall adopt a policy, as the board deems appropriate,  
61 concerning the issue regarding any school employee being involved in  
62 preventing a student from participating in the entire time devoted to  
63 physical exercise in the regular school day, pursuant to subsection (a)  
64 of this section, as a form of discipline. For purposes of this section,  
65 "school employee" means (1) a teacher, substitute teacher, school  
66 administrator, school superintendent, guidance counselor,  
67 psychologist, social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional  
68 or coach employed by a local or regional board of education or  
69 working in a public elementary, middle or high school; or (2) any other  
70 individual who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular  
71 contact with students and who provides services to or on behalf of  
72 students enrolled in a public elementary, middle or high school,  
73 pursuant to a contract with the local or regional board of education.

74       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later than October 1, 2013,  
75 each local and regional board of education shall adopt a policy, as the  
76 board deems appropriate, concerning the issue regarding any school  
77 employee being involved in requiring any student enrolled in grades  
78 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, to engage in physical activity as a  
79 form of discipline during the regular school day. For purposes of this  
80 section, "school employee" means (1) a teacher, substitute teacher,

81 school administrator, school superintendent, guidance counselor,  
82 psychologist, social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional  
83 or coach employed by a local or regional board of education or  
84 working in a public elementary, middle or high school; or (2) any other  
85 individual who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular  
86 contact with students and who provides services to or on behalf of  
87 students enrolled in a public elementary, middle or high school,  
88 pursuant to a contract with the local or regional board of education."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-221o
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section