



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 396**

*January Session, 2015*

House Bill No. 5217

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2015*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS.***

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Education shall establish an Advisory Council on Physical Activity for  
3 School Students consisting of the following members:
- 4 (1) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of  
5 Connecticut who is employed in a public school;
- 6 (2) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of  
7 Connecticut who is employed in a private or parochial school;
- 8 (3) One physical education teacher who is employed at an  
9 elementary school;
- 10 (4) One physical education teacher who is employed at a secondary  
11 school or a high school;

12 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School  
13 Administrators;

14 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of  
15 Education;

16 (7) Two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member  
17 of the American Academy of Pediatrics; and

18 (8) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the  
19 commissioners' designees, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members  
20 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

21 (b) The advisory council shall advise the Commissioners of  
22 Education and Public Health concerning physical activity for public  
23 and nonpublic school students.

24 (c) Members shall receive no compensation except for  
25 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their  
26 duties.

27 (d) The Commissioner of Education shall schedule the first meeting  
28 of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than September 1,  
29 2015. The members shall elect a chairperson of the advisory council  
30 from among the members of the council. A majority of the council  
31 members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall  
32 be required for any official action of the advisory council. The advisory  
33 council shall meet upon the call of the chairperson or upon the request  
34 of a majority of the advisory council members.

35 (e) Not later than February 1, 2016, and not less than annually  
36 thereafter, the advisory council shall submit a report on its  
37 recommendations to the Commissioners of Education and Public  
38 Health and to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
39 having cognizance of matters relating to education and public health,  
40 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
41 statutes. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,  
42 recommendations concerning practices to increase the physical activity

43 and decrease childhood obesity of school students.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>	<b>FY 17 \$</b>
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	less than 1,000	less than 1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 and in FY 17 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse taskforce members and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the rate of mileage reimbursement.

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 5217*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the education commissioner to establish a 10-member Advisory Council on Physical Activity for School Students. The council must advise the education and public health commissioners on physical activity for public and nonpublic school students.

The commissioner must schedule the council's first meeting by September 1, 2015. The council must annually report, starting by February 1, 2016, to the (1) education and public health commissioners and (2) Education and Public Health Committees. The report must include recommendations on practices to increase students' physical activity and decrease childhood obesity.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**ADVISORY COUNCIL*****Membership***

The council includes the following eight voting members:

1. two representatives of the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut, one each employed in a public school and private or parochial school;
2. two physical education teachers, one each employed at an elementary school and a secondary or high school;
3. one representative of the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators;

4. one representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education; and
5. two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The education and public health commissioners, or their designees, serve as ex-officio, non-voting members and must attend council meetings.

Council members are not compensated, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.

***Operations***

Under the bill, the council must elect a chairperson from among its members. A majority of its members constitutes a quorum and a majority vote of the quorum is needed for any official action. The council must meet upon the call of the chairperson or at the request of a majority of its members.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 27    Nay 0    (03/23/2015)