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To: Education;
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1605

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-133, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL EMPLOY A
3 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR K-12; TO CODIFY NEW SECTION
4 37-13-134, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY THE MINIMUM
5 QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR; TO PROVIDE
6 THAT THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS, THE
7 MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON OBESITY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT, THE TASK
8 FORCE ON HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION AND THE MISSISSIPPI
9 ALLIANCE FOR SCHOOL HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE
10 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGARDING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE
11 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER
12 THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THOSE ENTITIES IN EMPLOYING THE PHYSICAL
13 ACTIVITY COORDINATOR; TO REQUIRE THE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY COORDINATOR
14 TO PRESENT A STATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLAN EACH YEAR TO THOSE
15 ENTITIES; TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT
16 A STUDY AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE HOUSE AND SENATE EDUCATION
17 COMMITTEES ON THE CORRELATION BETWEEN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND
18 CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

20 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-133, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 37-13-133. Under the provisions of Section 37-13-131, the
23 State Department of Education may provide for the services of a
24 School Health Services Coordinator, School Instruction
25 Coordinator, School Environmental Specialist, * * * and such other
26 professional and nonprofessional staff as may be needed and as
27 funds available to the department will permit. The State
28 Department of Education, subject to the availability of funds
29 specifically for such purpose, shall employ a physical activity
30 coordinator K-12 not later than September 1, 2002, in accordance
31 with the provisions of Section 37-13-134. It shall be the
32 responsibility of that professional staff to coordinate efforts of
33 the personnel of the State Department of Education, the state's
34 colleges and universities, local public schools and other



35 appropriate agencies to provide the comprehensive health education
36 curriculum.

37 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
38 37-13-134, Mississippi Code of 1972:

39 37-13-134. (1) The physical activity coordinator employed
40 under Section 37-13-133 must have the qualifications prescribed in
41 any of the following paragraphs, which are listed in the order of
42 preference:

43 (a) A doctorate in physical education, exercise science
44 or a highly related field, and at least three (3) years of
45 experience in teaching physical education in grades K-12 or in
46 physical activity promotion/fitness leadership; or

47 (b) A master's degree in physical education, exercise
48 science or a highly related field, and at least five (5) years of
49 experience in teaching physical education in grades K-12 or in
50 physical activity promotion/fitness leadership; or

51 (c) A bachelor's degree in physical education, a
52 teacher's license, and at least seven (7) years of experience in
53 teaching physical education in grades K-12 or in physical activity
54 promotion/fitness leadership.

55 (2) The Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness and Sports
56 created under Section 7-1-551 et seq., the Mississippi Council on
57 Obesity Prevention and Management created under Section 41-101-1
58 et seq., the Task Force on Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
59 created under Section 41-103-1 et seq., the Mississippi Alliance
60 for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and the
61 Mississippi Alliance for School Health shall provide
62 recommendations to the State Department of Education regarding the
63 employment of the physical activity coordinator. The department
64 shall consider the recommendations of those entities in employing
65 the physical activity coordinator.

66 (3) The physical activity coordinator shall present a state
67 physical activity plan each year to the Governor's Commission on



68 Physical Fitness and Sports, the Mississippi Council on Obesity
69 Prevention and Management, the Task Force on Heart Disease and
70 Stroke Prevention, and the Mississippi Alliance for School Health.

71 (4) The physical activity coordinator shall monitor the
72 districts for adherence to current Mississippi school
73 accountability standards and for implementation of the physical
74 education curriculum on file with the State Department of
75 Education.

76 **SECTION 3.** The State Department of Education shall conduct a
77 study on the correlation between physical activity or exercise and
78 classroom performance. The study must include recommendations for
79 the implementation of a healthy schools program. The department
80 shall submit a report on the results of the study, including
81 recommendations for legislation, to the chairmen of the Education
82 Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate before
83 December 1, 2002.

84 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
85 and after July 1, 2002.

