



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 669

HOUSE BILL NO. 2148

By Representatives Ragan, Hoyt, Hardaway, Weaver, Kevin Brooks, Moody, Parkinson,  
Stewart, Daniel

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1983

By Senators Bowling, Bailey, Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2  
and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical activity for students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, is amended by deleting  
the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) In accordance with § 49-6-1022, it shall be the duty of each LEA to integrate:

(1) For students in kindergarten through grade one (K-1), a minimum of  
three (3) fifteen-minute periods of non-structured physical activity per day;

(2) For students in grades two through six (2-6), a minimum of two (2)  
twenty-minute periods of non-structured physical activity at least four (4) days a  
week; and

(3) For students in grades seven through twelve (7-12), a minimum of  
ninety (90) minutes of physical activity per week, which may include walking,  
jumping rope, playing volleyball, or other forms of physical activity that promote  
fitness and well-being; however, walking to and from class shall not be  
considered physical activity for the purposes of this subdivision (a)(3).

(b) For purposes of this section, "non-structured physical activity" means a  
temporary withdrawal or cessation from usual school work or sedentary activities during  
which an opportunity for rigorous physical activity is provided. "Non-structured physical  
activity" does not mean walking to and from class.

(c) The office of coordinated school health in the department of education shall  
provide an annual report by August 1, to the education administration and planning  
committee of the house of representatives, the education instruction and programs  
committee of the house of representatives, and the education committee of the senate  
on the implementation of subsection (a). The report shall contain at least the following  
information:

(1) The percentage of public schools that integrate periods of non-  
structured physical activity per day into the instructional school day in compliance  
with subsection (a);

(2) The types of physical activities that are used to meet the physical  
activity requirement;

(3) Any barriers that have limited full compliance with the physical activity  
requirement;

(4) Innovative methods that schools use to comply with the physical  
activity requirement;

(5) The ranking of Tennessee schools in providing physical activity and  
physical education as compared to other states;

(6) Relevant data or studies that link physical activity or physical education to academic performance in students;

(7) Relevant data or studies showing whether increased physical activity or physical education lead to better health outcomes;

(8) The annual percentage of increase or decrease in compliance with the physical activity requirement in school districts with average daily membership of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more students; and

(9) An overall summary and a set of recommendations to promote active living in the youth of this state, including, but not limited to, suggestions for increasing compliance with the physical activity requirement that can be implemented with minimal cost.

(d) The requirements of subsection (a) shall not replace the current physical education program in a school, but shall serve as an addition to the school's physical education program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2016-2017 academic years and academic years thereafter.

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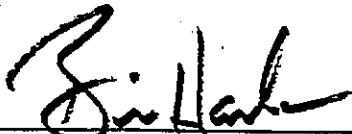


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 31st day of March 2016



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