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EDUCATION

HOUSE FILE 417
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of education to perform a review
2 of the educational standards for physical education.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. REVIEW OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS.

2 1. The department of education shall review the
3 educational standards adopted for physical education under
4 section 256.11, subsections 3, 4, and 5, for children in
5 grades one through six, grades seven and eight, and grades
6 nine through twelve.

7 2. In reviewing the standards for physical education, the
8 department shall consider the current level of health and
9 physical fitness prevalent among students and ways to ensure
10 students perform adequate physical exercise. The review shall
11 include approaches used in other states' educational programs.
12 In addition, the review shall include proposals and research
13 available from national programs and experts such as
14 "P.E.4LIFE", the national association for sport and physical
15 education, and the American alliance for health, physical
16 education, recreation, and dance.

17 3. The department shall submit a report of its findings
18 and recommendations to the governor and general assembly on or
19 before December 14, 2001. The recommendations shall address
20 ways to expose students to the greatest variety of physical
21 activities, to instill knowledge of the importance of good
22 physical fitness to general health and a desire for lifelong
23 physical activity, and to reduce the level of obesity in the
24 state.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill directs the department of education to perform a
27 review of the educational standards for physical education for
28 students in the three grade level divisions used for grades
29 one through 12. The review is to include the current level of
30 physical fitness prevalent among students and approaches
31 advocated by various national groups. The department is to
32 report to the governor and general assembly with findings and
33 recommendations by December 14, 2001.

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