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A BILL FOR

1 An Act directing the department of education to convene a healthy
2 kids task force.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. HEALTHY KIDS TASK FORCE.

2 1. The department of education, in cooperation with the
3 Iowa department of public health, shall convene a health kids
4 task force to study and recommend measures to reduce the level
5 of obesity in Iowa's student population. The department of
6 education, in cooperation with the Iowa department of public
7 health, shall provide staffing and administrative support to
8 the task force. The task force shall study, at a minimum, the
9 following:

10 a. The adequacy of the current physical education
11 standards and requirements, practitioner preparation programs
12 for physical education instructors, and the licensure
13 standards for physical education practitioners. The task
14 force shall consider the benefits and disadvantages of
15 establishing a statewide physical education curriculum and
16 investigate current literature and recommendations for best
17 practices in physical education instruction.

18 b. The current level of health, nutrition, and physical
19 fitness prevalent among students. The task force shall
20 develop recommendations for exposing students to the greatest
21 variety of physical activities, to instill knowledge of the
22 importance of good physical fitness and a good diet to general
23 health, and encourage a habit of lifelong physical activity.
24 The task force shall also develop a model policy regarding
25 access to nutritious foods, opportunities for physical
26 activity, and accurate education related to these topics. The
27 policy shall include a minimum standard for the nutritional
28 content of foods and beverages sold or provided throughout the
29 school day or sold in competition with the federal school food
30 programs.

31 2. The department of education shall appoint members of
32 the task force representing the departments of education and
33 public health; the Iowa heart association; the university of
34 northern Iowa college of health, physical education, and
35 leisure services; the Iowa dietetic association; the Iowa

1 school nutrition directors association; the Iowa association
2 of school boards; the Iowa medical association; the Iowa
3 dental association; the Iowa association for health, physical
4 education, recreation and dance; the university of Iowa
5 college of public health; and Iowa state university extension.

6 3. The task force shall submit the model policy and its
7 findings and recommendations to the governor and the general
8 assembly by July 1, 2008, and the department of education
9 shall post the model policy on its internet website by August
10 1, 2008.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill directs the department of education, in
13 cooperation with the Iowa department of public health, to
14 convene a healthy kids task force to study and recommend
15 measures to reduce the level of obesity in Iowa's student
16 population. The department of education, in cooperation with
17 the Iowa department of public health, is to provide staffing
18 and administrative support to the task force.

19 The task force is directed to study Iowa's physical
20 education standards and requirements, practitioner preparation
21 programs for physical education instructors, and the licensure
22 standards for physical education practitioners; to consider
23 the benefits and disadvantages of establishing a statewide
24 physical education curriculum; and to investigate current
25 literature and recommendations for best practices in physical
26 education instruction.

27 The task force is also directed to study the current level
28 of health, nutrition, and physical fitness prevalent among
29 students, and to develop a model policy regarding access to
30 nutritious foods, opportunities for physical activity, and
31 accurate education related to these topics. The policy is to
32 include a minimum standard for the nutritional content of
33 foods and beverages sold or provided throughout the school day
34 or sold in competition with the federal school food programs.

35 The task force must submit the model policy and its

1 findings and recommendations to the governor and the general
2 assembly by July 1, 2008, and the department of education must
3 post the model policy on its website by August 1, 2008.

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**EIGHTY FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2006 REGULAR SESSION
DAILY
SENATE CLIP SHEET**

FEBRUARY 16, 2006

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1 Amend Senate File 2190 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting
3 clause and inserting the following:

4 "Section 1. HEALTHY CHILDREN TASK FORCE.

5 1. The department of education and the Iowa
6 department of public health shall convene a healthy
7 children task force to do the following:

8 a. Assess current policies and statutes affecting
9 the health of children, specifically physical
10 activity, physical education, food and nutrition, and
11 nutrition education for children ages three through
12 eighteen.

13 b. Develop recommendations for policy and
14 statutory changes to enhance the health and well-being
15 of children including, but not limited to, physical
16 activity, food and nutrition, and education related to
17 these topics.

18 c. Submit its findings and recommendations to the
19 governor and the general assembly not later than
20 January 1, 2007.

21 2. Members of the healthy children task force
22 shall include the following:

23 a. Four legislative members who shall be appointed
24 as follows:

25 (1) Two state senators, one appointed by the
26 president of the senate, after consultation with the
27 majority leader of the senate, and one appointed by
28 the minority leader of the senate, after consultation
29 with the president of the senate, from their
30 respective parties.

31 (2) Two state representatives, one appointed by
32 the speaker and one appointed by the minority leader
33 of the house of representatives from their respective
34 parties.

35 b. A representative of each of the following,
36 appointed by the respective entity:

37 (1) The department of education.

38 (2) The Iowa department of public health.

39 (3) The American heart association.

40 (4) The Iowa association for health, physical
41 education, recreation and dance.

42 (5) The Iowa association of school boards.

43 (6) The Iowa dietetic association.

44 (7) The school nutrition association of Iowa.

45 (8) The Iowa state education association.

46 (9) The school administrators of Iowa.

47 (10) The Iowa medical association.

48 (11) Iowa partners: action for healthy kids.

49 (12) The Iowa parent teacher association.

50 (13) The Iowa nurses association.

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- 1 (14) The American cancer association.
- 2 (15) The Iowa dental association.
- 3 (16) The Iowa academy of pediatrics.
- 4 3. a. The task force shall elect a chairperson
- 5 and vice chairperson from the members appointed
- 6 pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph "b", subparagraphs
- 7 (3) through (16).
- 8 b. In case of the absence or disability of the
- 9 chairperson and vice chairperson, the members of the
- 10 task force shall elect a temporary chairperson in the
- 11 same manner as provided in paragraph "a".
- 12 c. A majority of the members of the task force
- 13 present shall constitute a quorum.
- 14 4. The department of education and the Iowa
- 15 department of public health shall work cooperatively
- 16 to provide staffing and administrative support to the
- 17 task force.

18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment."

20 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the
21 word "education" the following: "and the Iowa
22 department of public health".

23 3. Title page, by striking line 2 and inserting
24 the following: "children task force and providing an
25 effective date."

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