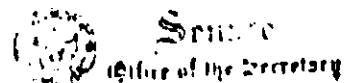


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11, states that:

SEC. 11. The State shall adopt and integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be a priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Our education system, despite of the increasing amount of appropriation per year, has always found itself short of necessary funds to serve its mandate and provide a competitive level of education especially in the elementary and secondary level. Due to this, many schools find themselves having to prioritize needs to make sure that the funds will be available to high priority subjects such as languages, mathematics and science and technology. Physical education has always been among the bottom items in terms of priority.

However, it is still an important aspect of our human development. Physical fitness has been identified by countless researches as one of the factors that prevent various illnesses and increase the quality of life in general. Our public school system is the best way of teaching our children the value of health and physical fitness. By showing

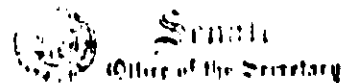
that we value the well being of our students, we not only instill on them the healthy habit of exercise but also invest in the future health of our next generation.

This bill seeks to establish through the Department of Health a healthy standard for physical activities which shall be taught and implemented through our public school system.¹


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¹ This bill was originally filed during the Fourteenth Congress, Second Regular Session.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Physical Education
2 Standard Act.”

3 SECTION 2. *Physical Education Standards in Schools.* – The Secretary of
4 Education (Secretary), in collaboration with the Department of Health, shall ensure that
5 local educational agencies that receive government funds establish and implement
6 policies to ensure that students participate in physical education programs that meet
7 standards for physical activity issued by the Department of Health in accordance with
8 Section 8.

9 SECTION 3. *Grants.* – The Secretary shall award grants on a competitive basis to
10 eligible entities to support activities that provide teacher training, and provide the support
11 needed to implement physical education programs that meet the standards described in
12 Section 8.

13 SECTION 4. *Eligibility.* – Only public elementary and secondary schools shall be
14 eligible under this grant.

1 **SECTION 5. *Application.*** – To be eligible to receive a grant under this Act, an
2 entity shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and
3 containing such agreements, assurances, and other information as the Secretary may
4 require.

5 **SECTION 6. *Priority.*** – In awarding grants under this subsection, the Secretary
6 shall give priority to eligible entities submitting applications proposing to provide
7 training and support for programs for students from populations at high risk for sedentary
8 activity and low-income populations.

9 **SECTION 7. *Evaluation.*** – Not later than three years after the date on which a
10 grant is awarded to an eligible entity under this subsection, the entity shall submit to the
11 Secretary a report that describes the activities carried out with funds received through the
12 grant and the effectiveness of such activities in ensuring students meet the standards
13 described in Section 8.

14 **SECTION 8. *Standards for Physical Activities.*** – Not later than 12 months after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Health shall issue standards for
16 physical activities applicable to defined population groups based on their physical
17 activity needs. The Department of Health shall provide a copy of this report to the
18 Secretary of Education and the appropriate committees in the Senate and the House of
19 Representatives.

20 **SECTION 9. *Appropriations.*** – To carry out the provisions of this Act, such
21 amount as hereby necessary is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the National
22 Treasury.

1 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other
3 provisions hereof.

4 SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances, or
5 portions thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby
6 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

7 SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
8 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
9 circulation.

Approved,

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