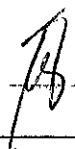


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EXPLANATORY NOTE


The Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 provides 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.


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1 AN ACT
2 TO ESTABLISH PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLS
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4 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
5 *Congress assembled:*

6 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Physical Education Standard
7 Act of 2008.”

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

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

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

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

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

5 SECTION 7. *Evaluation.* – Not later than 3 years after the date on which a grant is
6 awarded to an eligible entity under this subsection, the entity shall submit to the Secretary a
7 report that describes the activities carried out with funds received through the grant and the
8 effectiveness of such activities in ensuring students meet the standards described in Section 8.

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

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

16 SECTION 10. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or
17 unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain
18 valid and subsisting.

19 SECTION 11. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
20 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or is inconsistent
21 with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

22 SECTION 12. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

24 Approved,