

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1466

5 By: Representative Elliott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION
10 TO REQUIRE NO FEWER THAN TWO (2) UNITS PER YEAR
11 OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR EACH STUDENT IN GRADES
12 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE (K-12) OF THE PUBLIC
13 SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 ACCREDITATION TO REQUIRE NO FEWER THAN
17 TWO (2) UNITS PER YEAR OF PHYSICAL
18 EDUCATION FOR EACH STUDENT IN GRADES
19 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELVE (K-12) OF
20 THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. (a) On or before September 1, 2004, the State Board of
27 Education shall amend the standards for accreditation to require no fewer
28 than two (2) units per year of physical education for each student in grades
29 kindergarten through twelve (K-12) of the public schools in this state.

30 (b) On or before September 1, 2004, the State Board of Education shall
31 amend the core curriculum to require no fewer than two (2) units per year of
32 physical education for each student in grades nine through twelve (9-12) and
33 amend the requirements for graduation to require no fewer that two (2) units
34 of physical education each school year for students in grades nine (9)
35 through twelve (12) of the public schools in this state who will graduate
36 during or after 2009.



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1 (c)(1)(A) The State Board of Education shall provide procedure for
2 students to be exempted from physical education requirements under
3 subsections (a) and (b) by seeking a waiver from the local school board of
4 directors.

5 (B) The local board may grant a waiver based on the
6 following criteria:

7 (i) The student must present a statement by the
8 student’s attending physician indicating that participation in physical
9 education and physical activity will jeopardize the student’s health and
10 well-being; or

11 (ii)(a) The parent and student must show that
12 attending physical education classes will violate the student’s religious
13 beliefs and would not be merely a matter of personal objection; and

14 (b) The parent or student must be members of a
15 recognized religious faith that objects to physical education as part of its
16 official doctrine or creed.

17 (2) The local board shall encourage a student granted a waiver
18 under this subdivision (c)(4) to take, as an alternative to physical
19 education, appropriate instruction in health education or other instruction
20 in lifestyle modification.

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