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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2194

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE MEASUREMENT OF BODY MASS INDEX
9 OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO REPEAL THE MEASUREMENT OF BODY MASS
14 INDEX OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(a), concerning nutrition and
20 physical activity standards for public schools, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (a) After having consulted the Child Health Advisory Committee and the
23 State Board of Health, the State Board of Education shall promulgate
24 appropriate rules ~~and regulations~~ to ensure that nutrition and physical
25 activity standards ~~and body mass index for age assessment protocols~~ are
26 implemented to provide students with the skills, opportunities, and
27 encouragement to adopt healthy lifestyles.

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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(b)(4), concerning nutrition and
30 physical activity standards for public schools, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 (4) Assign all community health nurses under its supervision to
33 work with schools to assure that ~~body mass index for age assessment~~ protocols
34 are followed by school employees or their designees who conduct ~~body mass~~
35 ~~index for age assessments and other~~ student health screenings; and



1 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(c), concerning nutrition and
 2 physical activity standards for public schools, are amended to read as
 3 follows:

4 (c) Every school district shall:

5 (1) Prohibit for elementary school students in-school access to
 6 vending machines offering food and beverages; and

7 (2) Require schools to include as part of the annual report to
 8 parents and the community the amounts and specific sources of funds received
 9 and expenditures made from competitive food and beverage contracts;

10 ~~(3) Beginning with kindergarten and then in even-numbered~~
 11 ~~grades, require schools to include as a part of a student health report to~~
 12 ~~parents a body mass index percentile by age for each student; and~~

13 ~~(4)(A) Permit any parent to refuse to have his or her child's~~
 14 ~~body mass index percentile for age assessed and reported, by providing a~~
 15 ~~written refusal to the school.~~

16 ~~(B) Students in grades eleven through twelve (11-12) are~~
 17 ~~exempt from any policy or requirement of a public school or the state for~~
 18 ~~measuring or reporting body mass index.~~

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