

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.

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3 Regular Session, 2005  
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As Engrossed: S4/8/05  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 1097

5 By: Senator Womack  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MODEL SCHOOL WELLNESS*  
10 *PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND FOR*  
11 *OTHER PURPOSES.*  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MODEL SCHOOL*  
15 *WELLNESS PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT*  
16 *OF HEALTH.*  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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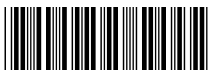
21 *SECTION 1. Model School Wellness Program.*

22 *(a)(1)(A) The Department of Health shall establish a "Model School*  
23 *Wellness Program".*

24 *(B) Any moneys appropriated by the General Assembly for*  
25 *this program shall be used by selected school districts to establish school-*  
26 *based pilot programs that focus on encouraging students to establish and*  
27 *maintain healthy lifestyles.*

28 *(2) These programs shall include tobacco prevention education*  
29 *and the promotion of balanced dietary patterns and physical activity to*  
30 *prevent becoming overweight or obese, and discussion of serious and chronic*  
31 *medical conditions that are associated with being overweight.*

32 *(3) The content of these programs shall address state and*  
33 *national standards and guidelines established by the No Child Left Behind*  
34 *Act, the Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicators as complied by the*  
35 *National Center for Health Statistics, and the Produce for Better Health*  
36 *Foundation's "5 A Day, The Color Way" program.*



1 (b)(1) School districts may apply for grants under this section.

2 (2)(A) The Department of Health shall establish selection  
3 criterion and methods for distribution of funds to school districts applying  
4 for such funds.

5 (B) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the  
6 provisions of this section.

7 (c)(1) A school district that receives a grant under this section  
8 shall use the funds to plan and implement the program in a diverse sampling  
9 of schools in each district.

10 (2) The programs shall address students' academic success as  
11 well as health concerns, and encourage links between the school and home  
12 settings to promote active healthy lifestyles across the students' learning  
13 environments.

14 (3)(A) The tobacco prevention initiative shall focus on grades  
15 four (4) and five (5) to target students before they transition into middle  
16 grades.

17 (B) The obesity prevention programs will cover sequential  
18 wellness education across grades kindergarten through fifth grades.

19 (4) These programs shall:

20 (A) Be multidisciplinary, addressing academic standards in  
21 language arts, math, and health;

22 (B) Provide multimedia resources that engage the students;

23 (C) Be evidence-based showing successful implementation  
24 including positive changes in desired outcomes, such as changes in body mass  
25 index or attitudes towards tobacco use;

26 (D) Be able to be integrated into the core classroom at  
27 the elementary level; and

28 (E) Be sustainable and provide open web-based resources to  
29 teachers and students across Arkansas.

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31 /s/ Womack  
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