

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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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1039

5 By: Representatives Wells, Abernathy  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO INCREASE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION TIME IN  
10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO LIMIT PHYSICAL *ACTIVITY*  
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 TIME IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO LIMIT  
16 PHYSICAL *ACTIVITY* REQUIREMENTS FOR  
17 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-16-132(b)(1), concerning the physical  
24 education curriculum requirement for public schools, is amended to read as  
25 follows:

26 (b)(1)(A) Every kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) public  
27 educational institution in this state shall require no less than a total of  
28 one (1) hour per week of physical education training and instruction for  
29 every student who is physically fit and able to participate.

30 (B) In grades nine through twelve (9-12) no public school  
31 student may be required to take physical education instruction in excess of  
32 the physical education requirement mandated for graduation from an Arkansas  
33 public high school.

34 (C) No public school student may be required to participate in  
35 physical activity in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) in excess of  
36 the curriculum requirement for physical education in this section.



1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-16-132, concerning the physical education  
2 curriculum requirement for public schools, is amended to add an additional  
3 subsection to read as follows:

4 (g) The State Board of Education shall submit to the House Interim  
5 Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education for the  
6 committees' review any proposed rules regarding physical education or  
7 physical activity standards for grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12)  
8 developed pursuant to this section that exceed the maximums identified in  
9 subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(f), concerning the nutrition and  
12 physical education standards for public school children, is amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 (f)(1) The Department of Education and the division shall report  
15 annually on progress in implementing nutrition and physical education  
16 standards to the chairs of the House Interim Committee on Public Health,  
17 Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health,  
18 Welfare, and Labor, the House Interim Committee on Education, and the Senate  
19 Interim Committee on Education.

20 (2) The State Board of Education shall submit to the House Interim  
21 Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education for the  
22 committees' review any proposed rules regarding physical education or  
23 physical activity standards for grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12)  
24 developed pursuant to this section.

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26 /s/ Wells, et al  
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