

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 1346

5 By: Representatives Stewart, Cook
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED FOR
10 PHYSICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION FOR
11 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH
12 GRADE EIGHT (K-8); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR
17 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
18 THROUGH GRADE EIGHT (K-8).
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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), regarding physical*
24 *education requirements for public school students, is amended to read as*
25 *follows:*

26 *(b)(1)(A) ~~Every kindergarten through grade eight (K-8) public~~*
27 *~~educational institution shall require no less than a total of~~ The physical*
28 *education curriculum and physical activity requirements for every public*
29 *school student who is physically fit and able to participate are:*

30 *(i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(A)(ii)*
31 *of this section, for students in kindergarten through grade six (K-6):*

32 *(a) ~~one (1) hour per week~~ Forty (40) minutes*
33 *of physical education training and instruction each calendar week of the*
34 *~~school year for every student who is physically fit and able to participate;~~*
35 *and*

36 *(b) One hundred ten (110) minutes of physical*



1 activity each calendar week of the school year, which may include without
2 limitation daily recess, physical education instruction in addition to the
3 requirement of subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i)(a) of this section, or intramural
4 sports;

5 (ii) For students in grades five through eight (5-8)
6 who attend a public school organized to teach grades five through eight (5-
7 8), or any combination thereof, sixty (60) minutes of physical education
8 training and instruction each calendar week of the school year or an
9 equivalent amount of time in each school year, with no additional requirement
10 for physical activity; and

11 (iii) For students in grades nine through twelve (9-
12 12), one-half (1/2) unit of physical education as required for high school
13 graduation, with no additional requirement for physical activity.

14 (B) Nothing in subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section
15 prohibits:

16 (i) A public school student's elective enrollment or
17 voluntary participation in physical activity or physical education as a part
18 of public school curriculum or extra-curricular activities; or

19 (ii) A school district's decision to require
20 physical education instruction or physical activity in excess of the amounts
21 identified in subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

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23 /s/ Stewart
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