



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1572

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-6	from Ch. 122, par. 27-6
105 ILCS 5/27-7	from Ch. 122, par. 27-7

Amends the School Code. Provides that pupils must engage daily during the school day in courses of physical education for at least 20 minutes (instead of for such periods as are compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of individuals at the various age levels). Provides that a physical education course of study shall provide students with an opportunity for at least 20 minutes (instead of an appropriate amount) of daily physical activity. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections  
5 27-6 and 27-7 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special  
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State  
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to  
11 engage daily during the school day, except on block scheduled  
12 days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in  
13 courses of physical education for at least 20 minutes, ~~such~~  
14 ~~periods as are compatible with the optimum growth and~~  
15 ~~developmental needs of individuals at the various age levels~~  
16 except when appropriate excuses are submitted to the school by  
17 a pupil's parent or guardian or by a person licensed under the  
18 Medical Practice Act of 1987 and except as provided in  
19 subsection (b) of this Section.

20 Special activities in physical education shall be provided  
21 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined  
22 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
23 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal

1 children.

2 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled  
3 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses  
4 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following  
5 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic  
6 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are  
7 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,  
8 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
9 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her  
10 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required  
11 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take  
12 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.  
13 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12  
14 enrolled in a marching band program for credit from engaging in  
15 physical education courses if those pupils request to be  
16 excused for ongoing participation in such marching band  
17 program. In addition, a pupil in any of grades 3 through 12 who  
18 is eligible for special education may be excused if the pupil's  
19 parent or guardian agrees that the pupil must utilize the time  
20 set aside for physical education to receive special education  
21 support and services or, if there is no agreement, the  
22 individualized education program team for the pupil determines  
23 that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical  
24 education to receive special education support and services,  
25 which agreement or determination must be made a part of the  
26 individualized education program. However, a pupil requiring

1 adapted physical education must receive that service in  
2 accordance with the individualized education program developed  
3 for the pupil. A school board may also excuse pupils in grades  
4 9 through 12 enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training Corps  
5 (ROTC) program sponsored by the school district from engaging  
6 in physical education courses. School boards which choose to  
7 exercise this authority shall establish a policy to excuse  
8 pupils on an individual basis.

9 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
10 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

11 (Source: P.A. 94-189, eff. 7-12-05; 94-198, eff. 1-1-06;  
12 94-200, eff. 7-12-05; 94-1098, eff. 2-2-07; 95-331, eff.  
13 8-21-07.)

14 (105 ILCS 5/27-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-7)

15 Sec. 27-7. Physical education course of study. A physical  
16 education course of study shall include a developmentally  
17 planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development  
18 of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases  
19 students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how  
20 to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages  
21 healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. A  
22 physical education course of study shall provide students with  
23 an opportunity for at least 20 minutes ~~an appropriate amount~~ of  
24 daily physical activity. A physical education course of study  
25 must be part of the regular school curriculum and not

1 extra-curricular in nature or organization.

2 The State Board of Education shall prepare and make  
3 available guidelines for the various grades and types of  
4 schools in order to make effective the purposes set forth in  
5 this section and the requirements provided in Section 27-6, and  
6 shall see that the general provisions and intent of Sections  
7 27-5 to 27-9, inclusive, are enforced.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-189, eff. 7-12-05; 94-200, eff. 7-12-05.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
10 becoming law.