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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1540

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 1540 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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, ~~as soon as~~  
11 ~~practicable~~, be required to engage daily, during the school  
12 day, in courses of physical education for such periods as are  
13 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental  
14 ~~development~~ needs of individuals at the various age levels  
15 except when appropriate excuses are submitted to the school by  
16 a pupil's parent or guardian or by a person licensed under the  
17 Medical Practice Act of 1987 and except as provided in  
18 subsection (b) of this Section.

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

24 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled

1 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses  
2 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following  
3 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic  
4 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are  
5 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,  
6 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
7 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her  
8 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required  
9 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take  
10 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.  
11 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12  
12 enrolled in a marching band program for credit from engaging in  
13 physical education courses if those pupils request to be  
14 excused for ongoing participation in such marching band  
15 program. In addition, a school board may excuse pupils in  
16 grades 9 through 12 if those pupils must utilize the time set  
17 aside for physical education to receive special education  
18 support and services. A school board may also excuse pupils in  
19 grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training  
20 Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by the school district from  
21 engaging in physical education courses. School boards which  
22 choose to exercise this authority shall establish a policy to  
23 excuse pupils on an individual basis.

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

26 (Source: P.A. 88-269; 89-155, eff. 7-19-95; 89-175, eff.  
27 7-19-95; 89-626, eff. 8-9-96.)

28 (105 ILCS 5/27-7) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-7)

29 Sec. 27-7. Physical education course of study. ~~Purposes of~~  
30 ~~courses in physical education and training - Courses of~~  
31 ~~instruction.~~ A physical education course of study shall include  
32 a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that  
33 fosters the development of movement skills, enhances

1 health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers  
2 direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a  
3 group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for  
4 a healthy lifestyle. A physical education course of study shall  
5 provide students with an opportunity for an appropriate amount  
6 of daily physical activity. A physical education course of  
7 study must be part of the regular school curriculum and not  
8 extra-curricular in nature or organization. Courses in  
9 physical education and training shall be for the following  
10 purposes:

11 1. to develop organic vigor;  
12 2. to provide bodily and emotional poise;  
13 3. to provide neuro-muscular training;  
14 4. to prevent or correct certain postural defects;  
15 5. to develop strength and endurance;  
16 6. to develop desirable moral and social qualities;  
17 7. to promote hygienic school and home life; and  
18 8. to secure scientific supervision of the sanitation and  
19 safety of school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and  
20 equipment thereof.

21 The State Board of Education shall prepare and make  
22 available guidelines for the various grades and types of  
23 schools in order to make effective the purposes set forth in  
24 this section and the requirements provided in Section 27-6, and  
25 shall see that the general provisions and intent of Sections  
26 27-5 to 27-9, inclusive, are enforced.

27 (Source: P.A. 90-372, eff. 7-1-98.)

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
29 becoming law."