
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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MAHONEY, KIRKLAND, MURT AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Education to ensure that all
2 instruction and assessment used to fulfill health and
3 physical education course completion requirements and
4 achievement of the health and physical education standards
5 for students in grades seven through twelve are provided by
6 teachers certified in health and physical education by the
7 Department of Education; and urging the Department of
8 Education to prohibit school districts from allowing student
9 participation in a physical activity to account for any
10 portion of planned instruction in physical education.

11 WHEREAS, 22 Pa. Code Ch. 4, which establishes the
12 Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Health, Safety and Physical
13 Education, requires planned instruction that enables students to
14 achieve objectives aligned with these standards and assessments
15 to measure student achievement of those objectives; and

16 WHEREAS, Health and physical education teachers are certified
17 by the Department of Education to instruct and assess students
18 in grades seven through twelve in the attainment of goals
19 aligned with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Health,
20 Safety and Physical Education; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Education, 22 Pa.
2 Code does not permit waivers for students from the requirements
3 of the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Health, Safety and
4 Physical Education due to participation in a physical activity
5 because physical activity is only one component of physical
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, However, numerous school districts are violating the
8 provisions of 22 Pa. Code Ch. 4 by allowing student
9 participation in a physical activity, such as interscholastic
10 sports, band or ROTC, to count as part of the planned
11 instruction in physical education; and

12 WHEREAS, To ensure students in this Commonwealth have the
13 knowledge on how to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle, it
14 is imperative that students are meeting the Pennsylvania
15 Academic Standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
18 Department of Education to ensure that all instruction and
19 assessment used to fulfill health and physical education course
20 completion requirements and achievement of the health and
21 physical education standards for students in grades seven
22 through twelve are provided by teachers certified in health and
23 physical education by the Department of Education; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
26 Department of Education to prohibit school districts allowing
27 student participation in a physical activity to account for part
28 of the planned instruction in physical education.