

Assembly Bill No. 200

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Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to add Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 9010) to Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, relating to physical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 200, Hayashi. Physical education: Health and Fitness Award Program.

Existing law requires school districts to include physical education in the course of study for pupils in grades 1 to 12, inclusive. Existing law requires the governing board of a school district maintaining any of grades 5, 7, and 9 to administer the physical performance test designated by the State Board of Education to each pupil in those grades during the month of February, March, April, or May.

This bill would require the state board to establish the Health and Fitness Award Program to recognize schools that conduct their physical education courses pursuant to the model content standards and demonstrate that increasing numbers of pupils enrolled in those schools meet minimum standards on the physical performance test designated by the state board. The Superintendent of Public Instruction would be required to use currently collected data and specified eligibility criteria to identify one school from each legislative district in the state to receive recognition, which may include, but would not be limited to, classification as a distinguished school, being listed on a published public school honor roll, and public commendations by the Governor and the Legislature. The bill would require that private funds be used to pay for all of the costs of implementing the program, including the administrative costs of the State Department of Education, and would authorize the Superintendent to receive donations of private funds for purposes of implementing the program. The bill would require the state board to establish the program once the Department of Finance certifies to the Superintendent that private donations received by the state are sufficient to implement the program. The bill would also require the state board to suspend

the program if the private donations received are insufficient to complete or continue program implementation.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 9010) is added to Part 6 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, to read:

CHAPTER 11. HEALTH AND FITNESS AWARD PROGRAM

9010. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Excellence in Health and Fitness Act of 2011.

9011. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) The department has reported that a majority of this state's children are not physically fit.

(b) Obesity in California's schools is reaching epidemic proportions.

(c) The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have identified physical education as an effective intervention in the fight against childhood obesity.

(d) Providing ongoing incentives to California's schools in order to increase the physical fitness of pupils is a necessary systemic solution to combating obesity and improving the overall education performance of pupils.

9012. (a) The state board shall establish the Health and Fitness Award Program to recognize schools that conduct their physical education courses pursuant to the model content standards adopted pursuant to Section 60605.2 and demonstrate that increasing numbers of pupils enrolled in those schools meet minimum standards on the physical performance test designated by the state board pursuant to Section 60800.

(b) The Superintendent shall use currently collected data and the criteria described in subdivision (c) to identify one school from each legislative district in the state to receive recognition, which may include, but is not limited to, classification as a distinguished school, being listed on a published public school honor roll, and public commendations by the Governor and the Legislature.

(c) The school in each legislative district with the highest percentage of pupils who meet the minimum standards on the

physical performance test described in subdivision (a) is eligible to receive recognition pursuant to subdivision (b). The Superintendent shall recommend, and the state board may adopt, additional criteria by which schools may become eligible to receive recognition pursuant to subdivision (b).

(d) Private funds shall be used to pay for all of the costs of implementing the program, including the administrative costs of the department. The Superintendent may receive donations of private funds for purposes of implementing the program.

(e) The state board shall establish the program described in this section once the Department of Finance certifies to the Superintendent that private donations received by the state are sufficient to implement the program. The state board shall suspend the program if the Superintendent notifies the state board that the amount of private donations is insufficient to complete or continue program implementation.

Approved _____, 2011

Governor