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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 949**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Gonzalez**

(Principal coauthor: Senator Lara)

*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Calderon, Campos, Dababneh, Dodd, Grove, Jones, Jones-Sawyer, Maienschein, Medina, and Weber)*

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An act to add ~~Sections 33353.7 and 51220.7~~ *Section 33353.7* to the Education Code, relating to physical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 949, as amended, Gonzalez. Physical education: ~~cheerleading~~ *competition cheer*.

~~(1)~~ Existing law describes the California Interscholastic Federation, provides the intent of the Legislature regarding its policies, and requires it to report to the Legislature and the Governor on its evaluation and accountability activities on or before January 1, 2016.

This bill would ~~provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that, require the California Interscholastic Federation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to, no later than January~~ *July 1, 2017, the California Interscholastic Federation, in consultation with the State Department of Education, develop guidelines, procedures, and safety standards for the purpose of classifying cheerleading competition cheer as an interscholastic sport. sport, as specified.*

~~(2) Existing law requires the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to offer courses in specified areas of study, including physical education:~~

~~This bill would require the department to authorize a school district to allow a pupil to satisfy the physical education course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, by participating in cheerleading.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 33353.7 is added to the Education Code,  
2 to read:

3 33353.7. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that, no~~ *No* later than  
4 ~~January~~ *July* 1, 2017, the California Interscholastic Federation, in  
5 consultation with the department, *shall* develop guidelines,  
6 procedures, and safety standards for the purpose of classifying  
7 ~~cheerleading competition cheer~~ as an interscholastic ~~sport~~. *sport*  
8 *that is consistent with the United States Department of Education's*  
9 *Office for Civil Rights' definition of a sport.*

10 SEC. 2. ~~Section 51220.7 is added to the Education Code, to~~  
11 read:

12 ~~51220.7. Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall~~  
13 ~~authorize a school district to allow a pupil to satisfy the physical~~  
14 ~~education course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, required~~  
15 ~~pursuant to Section 51220, by participating in cheerleading.~~