

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 18, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 138**

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**Introduced by Senator Fuller**  
**(Coauthor: Senator Bates)**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bigelow and Grove)*

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An act to amend Section 51222 of, and to add Section 51247 to, the Education Code, relating to physical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 138, as amended, Fuller. Physical education: exemption: high school rodeo.

Existing law requires a pupil to attend the courses of physical education for a total period of time of not less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays unless the pupil is excused or exempted from that requirement.

This bill would authorize the governing board of a school district to exempt a 4-year or senior high school pupil from attending courses of physical education if the pupil is engaged in high school rodeo after regular school hours. The bill would also make a conforming change, correct cross-references, and make nonsubstantive changes.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 51222 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

1 51222. (a) All pupils, except pupils excused or exempted  
2 pursuant to Section 51241, 51242, 51246, or 51247, shall be  
3 required to attend courses of physical education for a total period  
4 of time of not less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays. A pupil  
5 may be excused from physical education classes during one of  
6 ~~grades 10, 11, or 12~~ *10 to 12, inclusive*, for not to exceed 24 hours  
7 in order to participate in automobile driver training. A pupil who  
8 is excused from physical education classes to enroll in automobile  
9 driver training shall attend a minimum of 7,000 minutes of physical  
10 education instruction during the school year.

11 (b) The governing board of a school district that maintains a  
12 high school and that elects to exempt pupils from required  
13 attendance in physical education courses pursuant to paragraph  
14 (1) or (2) or both of subdivision (b) of Section 51241 shall offer  
15 those exempted pupils a variety of elective physical education  
16 courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays.

17 SEC. 2. Section 51247 is added to the Education Code, to read:

18 51247. The governing board of a school district may exempt  
19 a four-year or senior high school pupil from attending courses of  
20 physical education if the pupil is engaged in high school rodeo  
21 carried on wholly or partially after regular school hours.