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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Physical Education Program - Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring public schools to have a physical education program, on
4 or before a certain date, that meets certain minimum standards; requiring the
5 State Department of Education to employ a full-time director of physical
6 education; requiring the director to assist the county boards of education in
7 developing and implementing plans to meet the minimum requirements; and
8 generally relating to physical education program standards.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 7-409
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Education**

17 7-409.

18 (A) Each public school shall have a program of physical education that is given
19 in a planned and sequential manner to all students, kindergarten through grade 12,
20 to develop their good health and physical fitness and improve their motor
21 coordination and physical skills.

22 (B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL HAVE A
23 PROGRAM OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION THAT MEETS THE MINIMUM NATIONAL
24 STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL
25 ASSOCIATION FOR SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

1 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL EMPLOY A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF
2 PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

3 (2) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ASSIST THE COUNTY BOARDS IN DEVELOPING
4 AND IMPLEMENTING LONG-RANGE PLANS TO MEET THE MINIMUM NATIONAL
5 STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF
6 THIS SECTION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2005.