HOUSE BILL No. 2090

By Committee on Education

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AN ACT concerning schools; relating to physical education; relating to the powers and duties of the state board of education and other state agencies in relation thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) It is a goal of the state of Kansas to promote a healthier school environment and a higher level of physical fitness in Kansas children. In order to accomplish such goal, each child enrolled in an accredited school shall have the opportunity to participate in an appropriate amount of physical education each year.

- (b) The state board of education shall collaborate with the Kansas department of health and environment to develop a curriculum, materials and guidelines that local boards of education and governing authorities of accredited nonpublic schools may use in reaching the goal established by subsection (a).
- (c) Each school year, each child enrolled in grades 4, 7, 9 and 12 in an accredited school shall complete a physical fitness test. A physical fitness test shall include the measurement of the height and weight of each child and a calculation of the body mass index (BMI) of each child. Information collected pursuant to this section shall include the age and sex of the child. The information collected pursuant to this section shall be reported to the Kansas department of education in the manner and form required by the department. Information submitted to the Kansas department of education pursuant to this section shall be provided to the Kansas department of health and environment. Information submitted pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that does not reveal the identity of any child.
- (d) The state board of education shall collaborate with the Kansas department of health and environment to develop standards and objectives for physical fitness tests and physical education programs for all grade levels. It is the goal of the state of Kansas that each school district provide physical education programs and opportunities for physical activity necessary to meet the standards and objectives for physical fitness established by the state board of education and the Kansas department of health and environment.

Sec. 2. The board of education of each school district shall report the number of teachers employed by the district who are certified to teach physical education and the number of school minutes or school hours each such teacher teaches physical education. The data collected pursuant to this section shall be reported to the Kansas department of education in the manner and form required by the department. Information submitted to the department of education pursuant to this section shall be provided to the Kansas department of health and environment.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.