

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There is growing public concern for the physical  
3 health of students in the elementary and secondary public  
4 schools of this State; and

5 WHEREAS, There is evidence that physical activity is a  
6 major factor for a healthy lifestyle for our youth that  
7 carries into adulthood; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a responsibility to  
9 promote a healthy population, including the encouragement of  
10 well-balanced physical education programs in our public  
11 schools; and

12 WHEREAS, The use of the so-called "waiver law" in Section  
13 2-3.25g of the School Code has had the effect of denying many  
14 students the opportunity to engage in and learn healthy  
15 lifestyle choices; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we request the State Superintendent of Education to determine  
19 if all school districts seeking physical education waivers  
20 comply with the following:

21 (1) the statutory requirement to fully adhere to  
22 the notice requirements of the waiver law so that there  
23 is full opportunity for the public and teaching staffs to  
24 participate in public hearings; and

25 (2) the statutory requirement to document how the  
26 granting of the waiver will result in the statutory  
27 requirement that a school district seeking a physical  
28 education waiver demonstrate that the district "can  
29 address the intent of the rule or mandate in a more  
30 effective, efficient, or economical manner" or that the  
31 waiver is "necessary to stimulate innovation or improve  
32 student performance"; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Association for  
2 Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to  
3 accelerate its activities directed to its members and to  
4 school districts whereby the teaching of physical education  
5 and health reflects a well-rounded program resulting in a  
6 healthier student body, and that we further urge the  
7 Association to include a description of this effort in an  
8 annual report filed with the Chairperson and the Minority  
9 Spokesperson of the House Committee on Elementary and  
10 Secondary Education on or before January 1, 2003 and each  
11 year thereafter; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education and the  
14 Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education,  
15 Recreation and Dance.