

HB1448



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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by Rep. David Harris

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-6

from Ch. 122, par. 27-6

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12 (instead of 11 and 12) from engaging in physical education courses if those pupils request to be excused for any of certain listed reasons. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to
11 engage daily during the school day, except on block scheduled
12 days for those public schools engaged in block scheduling, in
13 courses of physical education for such periods as are
14 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of
15 individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate
16 excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or
17 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act
18 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this
19 Section.

20 Special activities in physical education shall be provided
21 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined
22 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,
23 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal

1 children.

2 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled
3 in grades 9 through 11 ~~and~~ 12 from engaging in physical
4 education courses if those pupils request to be excused for any
5 of the following reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an
6 interscholastic athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic
7 classes which are required for admission to an institution of
8 higher learning, provided that failure to take such classes
9 will result in the pupil being denied admission to the
10 institution of his or her choice; or (3) to enroll in academic
11 classes which are required for graduation from high school,
12 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the
13 pupil being unable to graduate. A school board may also excuse
14 pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a marching band
15 program for credit from engaging in physical education courses
16 if those pupils request to be excused for ongoing participation
17 in such marching band program. In addition, a pupil in any of
18 grades 3 through 12 who is eligible for special education may
19 be excused if the pupil's parent or guardian agrees that the
20 pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical education to
21 receive special education support and services or, if there is
22 no agreement, the individualized education program team for the
23 pupil determines that the pupil must utilize the time set aside
24 for physical education to receive special education support and
25 services, which agreement or determination must be made a part
26 of the individualized education program. However, a pupil

1 requiring adapted physical education must receive that service
2 in accordance with the individualized education program
3 developed for the pupil. If requested, a school board is
4 authorized to excuse a pupil from engaging in a physical
5 education course if the pupil has an individualized educational
6 program under Article 14 of this Code, is participating in an
7 adaptive athletic program outside of the school setting, and
8 documents such participation as determined by the school board.
9 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12
10 enrolled in a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program
11 sponsored by the school district from engaging in physical
12 education courses. School boards which choose to exercise this
13 authority shall establish a policy to excuse pupils on an
14 individual basis.

15 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
16 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-116, eff. 7-29-13.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.