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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the State Board of Education, by December 31, 2005, to adopt the academic standards for physical education developed by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education for use in grades K through 12.
- Requires the Department of Education to transmit information regarding the physical education standards to school districts in electronic form, or through another method of transmission that requires the least expense.
- Prohibits the State Board of Education from revising the physical education standards or adopting or revising any model curriculum for physical education unless approved by concurrent resolution of both houses of the General Assembly.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

In accordance with current law, the State Board of Education has adopted statewide academic standards for each of grades K through 12 in the core subjects of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. These standards describe the academic content and skills that students are expected to learn and display at each grade level. Current law also directs the State Board to adopt academic standards and model curricula in computer literacy for grades 3 through 12 and in both fine arts and foreign languages for grades K through 12.¹

¹ R.C. 3301.079 and 3301.0718.

Although not mandatory under current law, the State Board is permitted to adopt academic standards or a model curriculum for health or physical education. However, if the State Board intends to adopt health or physical education standards or model curricula (or subsequently revise them), the standards or curricula must receive legislative approval through passage of a concurrent resolution. The law specifies that neither chamber of the General Assembly may vote on a concurrent resolution approving health or physical education standards or curricula until its education committee holds at least one public hearing on the matter.²

Physical education standards

(R.C. 3301.078 and 3301.0718)

The bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt the standards for physical education developed by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) for use in grades K through 12 by December 31, 2005. (NASPE is a nonprofit organization of physical education professionals and researchers that supports physical activity programs and promotes awareness of the importance of physical education for youth.³) The bill specifies that it does not require any school district to adopt, utilize, or meet all or any part of the physical education standards.

The Department of Education must transmit these standards, and information regarding revisions to the standards, to school districts in electronic form. However, if it is unable to do so electronically, the Department must use any other reasonable means of transmitting the information that requires the least expense.

The bill specifies that the Department must allocate money from its existing appropriations to pay the cost of transmitting information regarding the standards or revisions.

The bill prohibits the State Board from adopting or revising any model curriculum for physical education, or revising the standards developed by NASPE for physical education, unless the curriculum or revisions are approved by concurrent resolution of both houses of the General Assembly. Health standards and model curricula remain subject to legislative approval, as in current law.

² R.C. 3301.0718.

³ See NASPE's website at www.aahperd.org/naspe/ for more information.

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