



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 976

SENATE BILL NO. 558

By **Ketron, Massey, Crowe, Tracy, Watson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 372

By Kane, Dunn, Ramsey, Mark White, McCormick, Smith, Williams, Whitson, Byrd, Hawk, Butt, Reedy, Kumar, DeBerry, Fitzhugh, McDaniel, Stewart, Hicks, Cooper, Hazlewood, Littleton, Travis, Rogers, Sherrell, Favors, Moody, Tillis, Eldridge, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tom Cronan Physical Education Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections:

(e)(1) In addition to the integration of physical activity into the instructional school day according to subsection (a), each LEA shall require each student in elementary school to participate in a physical education class that meets at least two (2) times per full school week during the school year. The total physical education class time each full school week shall be no less than sixty (60) minutes.

(2) The physical education class shall meet the needs of students of all physical ability levels, including students with disabilities who shall participate in moderate physical activity to the extent appropriate as determined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.), or the student's individualized education program. An accommodation or alternative physical activity shall be provided for children with disabilities, if necessary.

(3) The physical education class required by this subsection (e) shall be taught by a licensed teacher with an endorsement in physical education or by a specialist in physical education.

(4) A student shall be excused from a physical education class for medical reasons. The LEA may require a parent or legal guardian to provide documentation of a student's reason for being excused from the physical education class.

(5)(A) This subsection (e) shall not apply to any county having a population of not less than thirty-eight thousand three hundred (38,300) nor more than thirty-eight thousand four hundred (38,400), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, until the 2021-2022 school year; and

(B) This subsection (e) shall not apply to any county having a population of not less than fifty-seven thousand four hundred (57,400) nor more than fifty-seven thousand five hundred (57,500), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, until the 2021-2022 school year.

(f) Each LEA shall file an annual report with the commissioner of education verifying that the LEA has met the physical education requirements of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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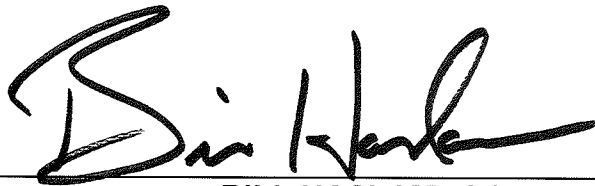


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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2018



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR