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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to health-related education in
3	the public schools; creating s. 1003.453, F.S.;
4	requiring each school district to submit to the
5	Department of Education, by a specified
б	deadline, copies of the district's school
7	wellness policy and physical education policy;
8	requiring the school district to review those
9	policies annually; requiring the department and
10	school districts to post links to those
11	policies on their websites; requiring the
12	department to provide website links to certain
13	resources and prescribing the types of
14	information those resources must provide;
15	encouraging school districts to provide basic
16	training in first aid to students in certain
17	grade levels; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.;
18	requiring that school district physical
19	education programs and curricula be reviewed by
20	a certified physical education instructor;
21	encouraging school districts to provide
22	physical education for a specified amount of
23	time; deleting obsolete language; amending s.
24	381.0056, F.S., the "School Health Services
25	Act"; requiring schools to annually provide
26	certain information to students' parents and
27	guardians; providing requirements relating to
28	membership of school health advisory
29	committees; encouraging the committees to
30	address specified matters; providing an
31	effective date.

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1 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 2 3 Section 1. Section 1003.453, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 4 5 1003.453 School wellness and physical education 6 policies; nutrition guidelines.--7 (1) By September 1, 2006, each school district shall submit to the Department of Education a copy of its school 8 wellness policy as required by the Child Nutrition and WIC 9 Reauthorization Act of 2004 and a copy of its physical 10 education policy required under s. 1003.455. Each school 11 12 district shall annually review its school wellness policy and 13 physical education policy and provide a procedure for public input and revisions. In addition, each school district shall 14 send an updated copy of its wellness policy and physical 15 education policy to the department when a change or revision 16 17 is made. 18 (2) By December 1, 2006, the department shall post links to each school district's school wellness policy and 19 20 physical education policy on its website so that the policies 21 can be accessed and reviewed by the public. Each school district shall provide the most current versions of its school 2.2 23 wellness policy and physical education policy on the 2.4 <u>district's website.</u> (3) By December 1, 2006, the department must provide 25 on its website links to resources that include information 26 <u>regard</u>ing: 27 2.8 (a) Classroom instruction on the benefits of exercise 29 and healthful eating. 30 (b) Classroom instruction on the health hazards of using tobacco and being exposed to tobacco smoke. 31

1	(c) The eight components of a coordinated school
2	health program, including health education, physical
3	education, health services, and nutrition services.
4	(d) The core measures for school health and wellness,
5	such as the School Health Index.
6	(e) Access for each student to the nutritional content
7	of foods and beverages and to healthful food choices in
8	accordance with the dietary quidelines of the United States
9	Department of Agriculture.
10	(f) Multiple examples of school wellness policies for
11	school districts.
12	(q) Examples of wellness classes that provide
13	nutrition education for teachers and school support staff,
14	including encouragement to provide classes that are taught by
15	a licensed nutrition professional from the school nutrition
16	<u>department.</u>
17	(4) School districts are encouraged to provide basic
18	training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary
19	resuscitation, for all students, beginning in grade 6 and
20	every 2 years thereafter. Private and public partnerships for
21	providing training or necessary funding are encouraged.
22	Section 2. Section 1003.455, Florida Statutes, is
23	amended to read:
24	1003.455 Physical education; assessment
25	(1) It is the responsibility of each district school
26	board to develop a physical education program that stresses
27	physical fitness and encourages <u>healthful</u> healthy , active
28	lifestyles and to encourage all students in prekindergarten
29	through grade 12 to participate in physical education.
30	Physical education shall consist of physical activities of at
31	least a moderate intensity level and for a duration sufficient
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1 to provide a significant health benefit to students, subject 2 to the differing capabilities of students. All physical education programs and curricula must be reviewed by a 3 4 certified physical education instructor. (2) Each district school board shall, no later than 5 б December 1, 2004, adopt a written physical education policy 7 that details the school district's physical education program 8 and expected program outcomes. Each district school board 9 shall provide a copy of its written policy to the Department 10 of Education by December 15, 2004. (3) Each district school board is encouraged to 11 12 provide 150 minutes of physical education each week for 13 students in kindergarten through grade 5 and 225 minutes each week for students in grades 6 through 8. Any district that 14 does not adopt a physical education policy by December 1, 15 16 2004, shall, at a minimum, implement a mandatory physical 17 education program for kindergarten through grade 5 which 18 provides students with 30 minutes of physical education each day, 3 days a week. 19 Section 3. Subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section 20 21 381.0056, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 22 381.0056 School health services program.--23 (5)(a) Each county health department shall develop, jointly with the district school board and the local school 2.4 health advisory committee, a school health services plan; and 25 the plan <u>must</u> shall include, at a minimum, provisions for: 26 27 <u>1.(a)</u> Health appraisal; 2.8 2.(b) Records review; 29 <u>3.(c)</u> Nurse assessment; 30 <u>4.(d)</u> Nutrition assessment; 5.(e) A preventive dental program; 31

1 6.(f) Vision screening; 2 <u>7.(g)</u> Hearing screening; <u>8.(h)</u> Scoliosis screening; 3 4 <u>9.(i)</u> Growth and development screening; 5 10.(;) Health counseling; б 11.(k) Referral and followup of suspected or confirmed 7 health problems by the local county health department; 8 12.(1) Meeting emergency health needs in each school; 9 13.(m) County health department personnel to assist school personnel in health education curriculum development; 10 14.(n) Referral of students to appropriate health 11 12 treatment, in cooperation with the private health community 13 whenever possible; 15.(o) Consultation with a student's parent or 14 guardian regarding the need for health attention by the family 15 physician, dentist, or other specialist when definitive 16 17 diagnosis or treatment is indicated; <u>16.(p)</u> Maintenance of records on incidents of health 18 problems, corrective measures taken, and such other 19 information as may be needed to plan and evaluate health 20 21 programs; except, however, that provisions in the plan for 22 maintenance of health records of individual students must be 23 in accordance with s. 1002.22; 17.(q) Health information which will be provided by 2.4 25 the school health nurses, when necessary, regarding the placement of students in exceptional student programs and the 26 27 reevaluation at periodic intervals of students placed in such 28 programs; and 29 18.(r) Notification to the local nonpublic schools of 30 the school health services program and the opportunity for 31

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1 representatives of the local nonpublic schools to participate 2 in the development of the cooperative health services plan. (b) Each school health advisory committee must, at a 3 4 minimum, include members who represent the eight component 5 areas of the Coordinated School Health model as defined by the б Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. School health 7 advisory committees are encouraged to address the eight components of the Coordinated School Health model in the 8 school district's school wellness policy pursuant to s. 9 1003.453. 10 (6) A nonpublic school may request to participate in 11 12 the school health services program. A nonpublic school 13 voluntarily participating in the school health services program shall: 14 (a) Cooperate with the county health department and 15 district school board in the development of the cooperative 16 17 health services plan; 18 (b) Make available adequate physical facilities for health services; 19 (c) Provide inservice health training to school 20 21 personnel; 22 (d) Cooperate with public health personnel in the 23 implementation of the school health services plan; (e) Be subject to health service program reviews by 2.4 the Department of Health and the Department of Education; and 25 (f) At the beginning of each school year, provide 26 27 parents and quardians with information concerning ways that 2.8 they can help their children to be physically active and to 29 eat healthful foods; and 30 (q)(f) At the beginning of each school year, inform parents or guardians in writing that their children who are 31

1	students in the school will receive specified health services
2	as provided for in the district health services plan. A
3	student will be exempt from any of these services if his or
4	her parent or guardian requests such exemption in writing.
5	This paragraph shall not be construed to authorize invasive
б	screening; if there is a need for such procedure, the consent
7	of the student's parent or guardian shall be obtained in
8	writing prior to performing the screening. However, the laws
9	and rules relating to contagious or communicable diseases and
10	sanitary matters shall not be violated.
11	(7) The district school board shall:
12	(a) Include health services and health education as
13	part of the comprehensive plan for the school district;
14	(b) Provide inservice health training for school
15	personnel;
16	(c) Make available adequate physical facilities for
17	health services; and
18	(d) At the beginning of each school year, provide
19	parents and quardians with information concerning ways that
20	they can help their children to be physically active and to
21	eat healthful foods; and
22	<u>(e)</u> (d) At the beginning of each school year, inform
23	parents or guardians in writing that their children who are
24	students in the district schools will receive specified health
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1	and rules relating to contagious or communicable diseases and
2	sanitary matters shall not be violated.
3	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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5	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
6	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>CS for Senate Bill 2602</u>
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8	The Committee Substitute requires nonpublic schools
9	voluntarily participating in the school health services program and district school boards to provide information to
10	parents and guardians concerning ways they can help their children to be physically active and to eat healthful foods.
11	Such nonpublic schools and district school boards must provide this information at the beginning of each school year.
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