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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to physical education in the public
3 schools; amending s. 1003.455, F.S.; deleting
4 provisions relating to the time period for physical
5 education instruction, criteria for a student's waiver
6 from participation in physical education instruction,
7 and reporting and auditing of student enrollment in
8 physical education instruction; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section
14 1003.455, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

16 ~~(3) Each district school board shall provide 150 minutes of~~
17 ~~physical education each week for students in kindergarten~~
18 ~~through grade 5 and for students in grade 6 who are enrolled in~~
19 ~~a school that contains one or more elementary grades so that on~~
20 ~~any day during which physical education instruction is conducted~~
21 ~~there are at least 30 consecutive minutes per day. Beginning~~
22 ~~with the 2009-2010 school year, the equivalent of one class~~
23 ~~period per day of physical education for one semester of each~~
24 ~~year is required for students enrolled in grades 6 through 8.~~
25 ~~Students enrolled in such instruction shall be reported through~~
26 ~~the periodic student membership surveys, and records of such~~
27 ~~enrollment shall be audited pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such~~
28 ~~instruction may be provided by any instructional personnel as~~
29 ~~defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless of certification, who are~~

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30 ~~designated by the school principal.~~

31 ~~(4) The requirement in subsection (3) shall be waived for a~~
32 ~~student who meets one of the following criteria:~~

33 ~~(a) The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a~~
34 ~~remedial course.~~

35 ~~(b) The student's parent indicates in writing to the school~~
36 ~~that:~~

37 ~~1. The parent requests that the student enroll in another~~
38 ~~course from among those courses offered as options by the school~~
39 ~~district; or~~

40 ~~2. The student is participating in physical activities~~
41 ~~outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the~~
42 ~~mandated requirement.~~

43 ~~(5) Each school district shall notify the student's parent~~
44 ~~of the options available under subsection (4) before scheduling~~
45 ~~the student to participate in physical education.~~

46 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.