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2016

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public school recess; amending s.  
3           1003.455, F.S.; requiring each district school board  
4           to provide students in certain grades with consecutive  
5           minutes of free-play recess per day; providing that  
6           free-play recess may not be withheld for specified  
7           reasons; providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1003.455, Florida  
12           Statutes, is amended, and subsection (6) is added to that  
13           section, to read:

14           1003.455 Physical education; assessment.—

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

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27 | pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such instruction may be provided by any  
28 | instructional personnel as defined in s. 1012.01(2), regardless  
29 | of certification, who are designated by the school principal.

30 | (6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3),  
31 | each district school board shall provide 100 minutes of  
32 | supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week  
33 | for students in kindergarten through grade 5 and for students in  
34 | grade 6 who are enrolled in a school that contains one or more  
35 | elementary grades so that there are at least 20 consecutive  
36 | minutes of free-play recess per day. Free-play recess may not be  
37 | withheld for academic or punitive reasons.

38 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.