

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to public school recess; amending s.
3 1003.45, F.S.; allowing free-play recess to be part of
4 a physical education class for specified grade levels;
5 requiring a specified amount of free-play recess on
6 days physical education classes are not scheduled;
7 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 per day. Physical
21 education for students in kindergarten through grade 3 may
22 include free-play recess. ~~Beginning with the 2009-2010 school~~
23 ~~year,~~ The equivalent of one class period per day of physical
24 education for one semester of each year is required for students
25 enrolled in grades 6 through 8. Students enrolled in such

26 | instruction shall be reported through the periodic student
27 | membership surveys, and records of such enrollment shall be
28 | audited pursuant to s. 1010.305. Such instruction may be
29 | provided by any instructional personnel as defined in s.
30 | 1012.01(2), regardless of certification, who are designated by
31 | the school principal.

32 | (6) In addition to the requirements in subsection (3),
33 | each district school board shall provide free-play recess each
34 | week on days when physical education classes are not held for
35 | students in kindergarten through grade 3 so that there are at
36 | least 20 consecutive minutes of free-play recess.

37 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.