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## DIGEST

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HB No. 400

**Abstract:** Requires public schools to provide at least 60 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in kindergarten through eighth grade and requires instruction in physical education as a prerequisite to high school graduation.

Present law requires each public elementary school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through six to provide at least 30 minutes each school day of quality moderate to vigorous physical activity for students. Requires each such school annually to report to its board on the compliance with present law and further requires the school board annually to report to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) on such compliance.

Proposed law retains present law but increases the amount of time required for such activity each school day from at least 30 minutes to at least 60 minutes and makes the requirement applicable to seventh and eighth grade students.

Proposed law further requires each public high school to give instruction in physical education, as a prerequisite to graduation, which shall be equal to four units of credit. Requires that such instruction be given in accordance with BESE rules and requires BESE to prescribe suitable teaching materials for the instruction.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:264)