

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB873 **Patron:** Kent
Bill Title: Public elementary school students; physical activity.

Bill Summary: Increases from 20 minutes to 30 minutes daily, and from an average of 100 minutes to 150 minutes per week, the minimum amount of time provided to public elementary school students for programs of physical activity. The bill provides that no student shall be prohibited from participating in a program of physical activity as a form of disciplinary action, with the exception that a student may be prohibited if it is determined that such program constitutes a health or safety risk to the student.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no anticipated impact to state funding through Direct Aid to Public Education resulting from this bill. Local school divisions would still be responsible for ensuring that Standards of Accreditation expectations of required 990 hours of instructional time to students in elementary school in the four academic disciplines of English, mathematics, science, and history and social science are met. Any actual impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Other: None