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L.D. 1442
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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1011, L.D. 1442, Bill, "An Act To Increase Quality Physical Education for Elementary School Students"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Increase Physical Education for Elementary School Students'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Convening of a team to develop and implement a plan for improving physical education in elementary schools. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Education, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the cochairs of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, Health and Wellness shall invite interested parties to serve on a planning and oversight team to be known as "PE4ME." PE4ME must include individuals and representatives of agencies and associations with expertise in health, health promotion, elementary education and teacher certification in physical education.

1. First meeting; subcommittees and staff support. The commissioners and cochairs of the council shall convene the first meeting of PE4ME no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve. PE4ME may create subcommittees and seek assistance from outside the team membership in addressing its charge and meeting its responsibilities. The commissioners shall provide staff and technical assistance to PE4ME within existing resources.

2. Duties. PE4ME shall examine national guidelines for physical education for students in kindergarten to grade 8. PE4ME shall develop recommendations for each grade level including the minimum number of minutes of physical education per day or week and appropriate physical activities. PE4ME shall develop a timeline for implementing its recommendations and explore federal and private funding available to supplement state resources. The implementation timeline must include clear benchmarks

1 for phasing in the recommendations, with a goal of complete implementation by the
2 beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

3 **3. Considerations.** PE4ME shall examine the capacity within the State to train and
4 certify physical education teachers. PE4ME shall review the system of learning results
5 established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 regarding
6 physical education and propose changes if needed to improve physical education.
7 PE4ME shall develop an approach to including physical education funding as part of the
8 essential programs and services funding model. PE4ME shall develop consistent
9 measures for evaluating physical education programs and consider the need for
10 alternative standards for small, rural or isolated schools based on a potential hardship or
11 additional time needed to comply with the recommended standards.

12 **4. Reports.** PE4ME shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and
13 Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no
14 later than December 31, 2007. The report must present the recommendations of PE4ME
15 and a detailed implementation plan. Following the initial report, the Commissioner of
16 Education shall provide the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over education
17 matters with updates on the progress of implementing the plan at least once every 6
18 months until the plan is completely implemented; and be it further

19 **Sec. 2. Legislation authorized. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee
20 on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session
21 of the 123rd Legislature regarding physical education for elementary school students.'

22 SUMMARY

23 This amendment replaces the bill. It directs the Commissioner of Human Services,
24 the Commissioner of Education and the cochair of the Governor's Council on Physical
25 Fitness, Sports, Health and Wellness to convene a planning and oversight team, known as
26 PE4ME. PE4ME is charged with developing standards for physical education in
27 elementary schools and an implementation plan to achieve those standards by the 2010-
28 2011 school year. It requires that the team report to the Joint Standing Committee on
29 Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural
30 Affairs no later than December 31, 2007. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on
31 Education and Cultural Affairs to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the
32 123rd Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 06/01/07 *mac*

123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1442

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An Act To Increase Quality Physical Education for Elementary School Students

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Education associated with staffing and providing technical assistance to the PE4ME team can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can also be absorbed utilizing existing budget resources.