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House of Representatives, March 15, 2007

An Act To Increase Quality Physical Education for Elementary School Students

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLER of Somerville.
Cosponsored by Representative WOODBURY of Yarmouth, Senator MILLS of Somerset, Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GOULD of South Berwick, NORTON of Bangor, PRESCOTT of Topsham, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TREAT of Farmingdale, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4711, sub-§1** is enacted to read:

3 **1. Physical education.** No later than the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year,
4 every school must provide instruction in physical education that:

5 A. Complies with the standards set by a national association for sport and physical
6 education for program content and student assessment;

7 B. Is taught by a teacher certified in physical education; and

8 C. Provides the following:

9 (1) For kindergarten and grades one to 5, at least 150 minutes of physical
10 education each week; and

11 (2) For grades 6 to 8, at least 225 minutes of physical education each week.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 Beginning in school year 2010-2011, this bill requires a minimum of 150 minutes per
14 week for kindergarten to grade 5 and 225 minutes per week for grades 6 to 8 of physical
15 education taught by a teacher certified in physical education. The program content and
16 student assessment must comply with nationally established standards.