## A-Engrossed Senate Bill 643

Ordered by the Senate March 27 Including Senate Amendments dated March 27

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY; Senator DEVLIN

## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of awarding grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education and any conditioning provided as part of physical education program.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to physical education; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas obesity is a major health risk factor linked to increased cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and early death, and obese children are more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes, high blood pressure, mental health problems, bone and joint disorders and other health problems that require costly treatment; and

Whereas one in three children born in the United States will develop Type II diabetes during the child's lifetime, and one in two children from ethnic minority groups will develop Type II diabetes; and

Whereas one in four Oregon children are overweight or obese, and obese children use health care services more often than nonobese children; and

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers a national health objective for 2010 to be to increase the number of students who participate in physical education; and

Whereas regular physical activity helps develop stronger bones and muscles, reduces feelings of depression and anxiety and promotes psychological well-being; and

Whereas a recent study shows that physically fit children perform better academically; now, therefore.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of awarding grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education as established by ORS 329.501 and any conditioning provided as part of a physical education program.

SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect July 1, 2009.

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