

Senate Bill 643

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 **as introduced**.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for purpose of awarding grants to school districts and public charter schools for physical education.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 **SECTION 1.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
20 ated to the Department of Education, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the
21 General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of awarding grants to school districts
22 and public charter schools for physical education as established by ORS 329.501.

23 **SECTION 2.** This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect
25 July 1, 2009.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.