

SENATE BILL NO. 182—SENATOR HARDY

MARCH 8, 2021

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to physical education. (BDR 34-616)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to education; requiring instruction in physical education to include participation in an activity scientifically shown to be consistent with reducing obesity; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires physical education to be taught as applicable for grade
2 levels and to the extent practicable at all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center,
3 the Nevada Youth Training Center and any other state facility operated for the
4 detention of children. (NRS 389.018) This bill requires that instruction in physical
5 education include participation in an activity that has been scientifically shown to
6 be consistent with reducing obesity.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 389.018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 389.018 1. The following subjects are designated as the core
3 academic subjects that must be taught, as applicable for grade
4 levels, in all public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada
5 Youth Training Center and any other state facility for the detention
6 of children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:
7 (a) English language arts;
8 (b) Mathematics;
9 (c) Science; and



1 (d) Social studies, which includes only the subjects of history,
2 geography, economics and government.

3 2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a pupil
4 enrolled in a public high school must enroll in a minimum of:

5 (a) Four units of credit in English language arts;

6 (b) Four units of credit in mathematics, including, without
7 limitation, Algebra I and geometry, or an equivalent course of study
8 that integrates Algebra I and geometry;

9 (c) Three units of credit in science, including two laboratory
10 courses; and

11 (d) Three units of credit in social studies, including, without
12 limitation:

13 (1) American government;

14 (2) American history; and

15 (3) World history or geography.

16 ↪ A pupil is not required to enroll in the courses of study and
17 credits required by this subsection if the pupil, the parent or legal
18 guardian of the pupil and an administrator or a counselor at the
19 school in which the pupil is enrolled mutually agree to a modified
20 course of study for the pupil and that modified course of study
21 satisfies at least the requirements for a standard high school
22 diploma, an adjusted diploma or an alternative diploma, as
23 applicable.

24 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, in addition
25 to the core academic subjects, the following subjects must be taught
26 as applicable for grade levels and to the extent practicable in all
27 public schools, the Caliente Youth Center, the Nevada Youth
28 Training Center and any other state facility for the detention of
29 children that is operated pursuant to title 5 of NRS:

30 (a) The arts;

31 (b) Computer education and technology;

32 (c) Health; and

33 (d) Physical education.

34 ↪ If the State Board requires the completion of course work in a
35 subject area set forth in this subsection for graduation from high
36 school or promotion to the next grade, a public school shall offer the
37 required course work. Except as otherwise provided for a course of
38 study in health prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.021 and the
39 instruction prescribed by subsection 1 of NRS 389.064, unless a
40 subject is required for graduation from high school or promotion to
41 the next grade, a charter school is not required to comply with this
42 subsection.

43 4. Instruction in health and physical education provided
44 pursuant to subsection 3 must include, without limitation

45 **[instruction]** :



- 1 *(a) Instruction* concerning the importance of annual physical
2 examinations by a provider of health care and the appropriate
3 response to unusual aches and pains ~~§~~; *and*
4 *(b) Participation in an activity that has been scientifically*
5 *shown to be consistent with reducing obesity.*
6 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2021.

