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S.B. 282 (S-1): FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 282 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Buzz Thomas

Committee: Health Policy

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to do the following:

- -- Eliminate a provision that allows a school district to credit a pupil's participation in extracurricular athletics or other extracurricular activities involving physical activity as meeting the Code's physical education requirement for the pupil.
- -- Require the governing board of a public school, as part of providing the required physical education, to ensure that the school provided for all pupils at least 30 minutes of physical education at least two days per week for the entire school year, for each of grades K through five.

The Code requires each public school in the State to provide health and physical education, and requires each pupil attending public school in Michigan who is physically fit and capable of doing so to take the course. The bill would delete the reference to "physically fit".

MCL 380.1502 Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

State: The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State.

<u>Local</u>: By removing a pupil's participation in extracurricular athletics or other extracurricular physical activity as a means to meet the physical education requirement in the Code, the bill could require school districts to offer more physical education classes. Offering more classes could require additional physical education teachers, if other teachers and courses could not be switched to physical education, leading to higher costs.

Similarly, if schools were required to provide at least 30 minutes of physical education at least twice per week for pupils in grades K-5, if a school is not currently providing at least this amount, then the school could see costs from providing these additional courses. A cost estimate is not practicable, however, since it is unknown how schools would be able to absorb these requirements within their current practices, work forces, and course offerings.

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