

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 12, 2011
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: Superintendent of Public Instruction

BILL NUMBER: AB 200
AUTHOR: M. Hayashi

BILL SUMMARY: Health and Fitness Award Program

This bill would create the Health and Fitness Award Program to recognize schools that conduct their physical education courses pursuant to the model content standards and demonstrate that an increasing number of students meet the minimum standards on the state physical performance test.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Although the provisions of this bill are permissive and would require funding from private sources, there could be pressure on the state to fund this program if private donations are unavailable in the future.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it is unnecessary, would create pressure for state funding in the future, and would encroach on resources currently dedicated to higher-priority programs.

According to the author's office, this bill is necessary to increase the physical fitness of students, combat obesity and improve academic performance. However, schools are already required to offer a minimum amount of physical education: at least 200 minutes every ten school days for students in grades 1-6 and at least 400 minutes every 10 school days for students in grades 7-12.

In addition, existing law requires students in grades five, seven, and nine to take a standardized physical fitness test. The SBE has designated the FITNESSGRAM®, which measures aerobic capacity, strength, endurance, flexibility, and body composition (e.g., body mass index). The Budget Act of 2011 (Chapter 33, Statutes of 2011) contains over \$3.5 million to support the administration of these tests through mandate reimbursements and local assistance funding for assessments and reporting.

It is unclear who would be responsible for soliciting the donations to fund this program, but it is reasonable to assume that the SPI and/or the SBE would be expected to do so, resulting in fewer resources available for programs and responsibilities of greater importance. If this program is established, the requirements placed on the SPI and SBE could likely be absorbed within existing resources. However, this workload would further encroach upon already limited resources.

Model content standards for physical education were adopted by the SBE in January 2005; however, schools are not required to follow these standards, which provide guidance for developing physical education programs for each grade level, K-12.

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Related legislation:

- AB 2072 (Hayashi), nearly identical to this bill, would have established the Physical Education Award Program. This bill was held on the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file.
- AB 2812 (Umberg) would have established a Physical Education Award Program, providing monetary and nonmonetary awards to schools that meet certain criteria based on the state's physical performance test. This bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code	
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)								
	CO	PROP	2011-2012		2012-2013		2013-2014			
	RV	98	FC	FC	FC	FC				
6110/Dept of Educ	SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----							0001