



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HB2949

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require that schools provide daily recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. Provides that the recess must be at least 20 minutes in length. Provides that recess shall include unstructured play and may include organized games. Provides that if the principal determines that the weather is inclement, then the principal shall direct that recess be held indoors. Provides that a school board may require that schools provide daily recess for all students in grades 6 through 8. Requires a school board to prohibit the withholding of recess as a disciplinary action. Effective July 1, 2017.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Sections
5 10-20.60 and 34-18.53 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.60. Recess required in elementary school.

8 (a) A school board shall require that schools provide daily
9 recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. The
10 recess must be at least 20 minutes in length. Recess shall
11 include unstructured play and may include organized games. If
12 the principal determines that the weather is inclement, then
13 the principal shall direct that recess be held indoors.

14 (b) A school board may require that schools provide daily
15 recess for all students in grades 6 through 8.

16 (c) A school board shall prohibit the withholding of recess
17 as a disciplinary action.

18 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new)

19 Sec. 34-18.53. Recess required in elementary school.

20 (a) The board shall require that schools provide daily
21 recess for all students in kindergarten through grade 5. The
22 recess must be at least 20 minutes in length. Recess shall

1 include unstructured play and may include organized games. If
2 the principal determines that the weather is inclement, then
3 the principal shall direct that recess be held indoors.

4 (b) The board may require that schools provide daily recess
5 for all students in grades 6 through 8.

6 (c) The board shall prohibit the withholding of recess as a
7 disciplinary action.

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
9 2017.