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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2572

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 2572 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 27-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-6)

7 Sec. 27-6. Courses in physical education required; special  
8 activities.

9 (a) Pupils enrolled in the public schools and State  
10 universities engaged in preparing teachers shall be required to  
11 engage ~~during the school day, except on block scheduled days~~  
12 ~~for those public schools engaged in block scheduling,~~ in  
13 courses of physical education for such periods as are  
14 compatible with the optimum growth and developmental needs of  
15 individuals at the various age levels except when appropriate  
16 excuses are submitted to the school by a pupil's parent or

1 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act  
2 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
3 Section. A school board may determine the schedule or frequency  
4 of physical education courses, provided that a pupil in  
5 kindergarten through grade 12 shall engage in a course of  
6 physical education for a minimum of 150 minutes per week ~~a~~  
7 ~~pupil engages in a course of physical education for a minimum~~  
8 ~~of 3 days per 5 day week.~~

9 Special activities in physical education shall be provided  
10 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined  
11 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
12 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal  
13 children.

14 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled  
15 in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses  
16 if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following  
17 reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic  
18 athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic classes which are  
19 required for admission to an institution of higher learning,  
20 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
21 pupil being denied admission to the institution of his or her  
22 choice; or (3) to enroll in academic classes which are required  
23 for graduation from high school, provided that failure to take  
24 such classes will result in the pupil being unable to graduate.  
25 A school board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12  
26 enrolled in a marching band program for credit from engaging in

1 physical education courses if those pupils request to be  
2 excused for ongoing participation in such marching band  
3 program. A school board may also, on a case-by-case basis,  
4 excuse pupils in grades 7 through 12 who participate in an  
5 interscholastic or extracurricular athletic program from  
6 engaging in physical education courses. In addition, a pupil in  
7 any of grades 3 through 12 who is eligible for special  
8 education may be excused if the pupil's parent or guardian  
9 agrees that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for  
10 physical education to receive special education support and  
11 services or, if there is no agreement, the individualized  
12 education program team for the pupil determines that the pupil  
13 must utilize the time set aside for physical education to  
14 receive special education support and services, which  
15 agreement or determination must be made a part of the  
16 individualized education program. However, a pupil requiring  
17 adapted physical education must receive that service in  
18 accordance with the individualized education program developed  
19 for the pupil. If requested, a school board is authorized to  
20 excuse a pupil from engaging in a physical education course if  
21 the pupil has an individualized educational program under  
22 Article 14 of this Code, is participating in an adaptive  
23 athletic program outside of the school setting, and documents  
24 such participation as determined by the school board. A school  
25 board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in  
26 a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by

1 the school district from engaging in physical education  
2 courses. School boards which choose to exercise this authority  
3 shall establish a policy to excuse pupils on an individual  
4 basis.

5 (c) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
6 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

7 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
9 2018."