



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB5131

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Aaron M. Ortiz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-6.3 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that a school board shall require that schools provide daily time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students in kindergarten through grade 8. Provides that the time allotted for play must be at least 60 minutes and play periods shall be at least 15 consecutive minutes in length. Provides that play time must allow for unstructured play, may include organized games, and shall not include the use of computers, tablets, phones, or videos. Prohibits the withholding of play time as a disciplinary or punitive action. Provides that play time does not count as a course of physical education and that a course of physical education does not count towards the daily time for play. Provides that play time shall be considered clock hours. Effective July 1, 2020.

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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 Section  
5 27-6.3 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-6.3 new)

7 Sec. 27-6.3. Play time required in elementary school.

8 (a) A school board shall require that schools provide daily  
9 time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all  
10 students in kindergarten through grade 8. The total time  
11 allotted for play must be at least 60 minutes. Play periods  
12 shall be at least 15 consecutive minutes in length. Play time  
13 must allow unstructured play, may include organized games, and  
14 shall not include the use of computers, tablets, phones, or  
15 videos. Schools are encouraged to provide play time outdoors,  
16 but play time may be held indoors.

17 (b) Play time does not count as a course of physical  
18 education that fulfills the requirements of Section 27-6 of  
19 this Code. Time spent in a course of physical education that  
20 fulfills the requirements of Section 27-6 of this Code does not  
21 count towards the daily time for play.

22 (c) A school board shall prohibit the withholding of play  
23 time as a disciplinary or punitive action.

1           (d) Play time shall be considered clock hours for the  
2           purposes of Section 10-19.05 of this Code.

3           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
4           2020.