

# HB4671



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4671**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-6

from Ch. 122, par. 27-6

Amends the School Code. Authorizes a school board to excuse pupils enrolled in grades 9 through 12 (currently 11 through 12) from engaging in physical education courses for participation in an interscholastic athletic program or to enroll in certain academic classes. Permits a school board to excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a show choir program for credit from participating in physical education courses upon request of the pupil.

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A BILL FOR

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 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 daily during the school day, except on block scheduled  
12 days 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  
17 guardian or by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act  
18 of 1987 and except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
19 Section.

20 Special activities in physical education shall be provided  
21 for pupils whose physical or emotional condition, as determined  
22 by a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987,  
23 prevents their participation in the courses provided for normal

1 children.

2 (b) A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled  
3 in grades 9 through 11 ~~and~~ 12 from engaging in physical  
4 education courses if those pupils request to be excused for any  
5 of the following reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an  
6 interscholastic athletic program; (2) to enroll in academic  
7 classes which are required for admission to an institution of  
8 higher learning, provided that failure to take such classes  
9 will result in the pupil being denied admission to the  
10 institution of his or her choice; or (3) to enroll in academic  
11 classes which are required for graduation from high school,  
12 provided that failure to take such classes will result in the  
13 pupil being unable to graduate. A school board may also excuse  
14 pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in a marching band or  
15 show choir program for credit from engaging in physical  
16 education courses if those pupils request to be excused for  
17 ongoing participation in such marching band or show choir  
18 program. In addition, a pupil in any of grades 3 through 12 who  
19 is eligible for special education may be excused if the pupil's  
20 parent or guardian agrees that the pupil must utilize the time  
21 set aside for physical education to receive special education  
22 support and services or, if there is no agreement, the  
23 individualized education program team for the pupil determines  
24 that the pupil must utilize the time set aside for physical  
25 education to receive special education support and services,  
26 which agreement or determination must be made a part of the

1 individualized education program. However, a pupil requiring  
2 adapted physical education must receive that service in  
3 accordance with the individualized education program developed  
4 for the pupil. If requested, a school board is authorized to  
5 excuse a pupil from engaging in a physical education course if  
6 the pupil has an individualized educational program under  
7 Article 14 of this Code, is participating in an adaptive  
8 athletic program outside of the school setting, and documents  
9 such participation as determined by the school board. A school  
10 board may also excuse pupils in grades 9 through 12 enrolled in  
11 a Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program sponsored by  
12 the school district from engaging in physical education  
13 courses. School boards which choose to exercise this authority  
14 shall establish a policy to excuse pupils on an individual  
15 basis.

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

18 (Source: P.A. 98-116, eff. 7-29-13.)