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An Act To Increase Quality Physical Education for Elementary School Students

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4711, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. Physical education. No later than the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year, every school must provide instruction in physical education that:

A. Complies with the standards set by a national association for sport and physical education for program content and student assessment;

B. Is taught by a teacher certified in physical education; and

C. Provides the following:

(1) For kindergarten and grades one to 5, at least 150 minutes of physical education each week; and

(2) For grades 6 to 8, at least 225 minutes of physical education each week.

SUMMARY

Beginning in school year 2010-2011, this bill requires a minimum of 150 minutes per week for kindergarten to grade 5 and 225 minutes per week for grades 6 to 8 of physical education taught by a teacher certified in physical education. The program content and student assessment must comply with nationally established standards.