

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 2592

Short Title: DPI to Collect Childhood Obesity Statistics. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Bell, Glazier (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Bryant, Coleman, Cotham, Faison, Harrison, Hughes, Lucas, Luebke, McLawhorn, Pierce, Tarleton, Wainwright, and Womble.

Referred to: Education.

May 28, 2008

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO COLLECT AND
3 ANALYZE BASELINE DATA RELATED TO CHILDHOOD OBESITY AND
4 PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall collect and analyze
7 baseline data by grade level at each school in the State pertaining to childhood obesity
8 and the current status of K-12 physical education in North Carolina. At a minimum, the
9 baseline data shall include:

- 10 (1) Minutes in physical education with a licensed physical education
11 teacher on a weekly basis throughout the school year;
12 (2) The number of physical education classes per week throughout the
13 school year;
14 (3) Average physical education class size;
15 (4) Student body mass index data; and
16 (5) Nutrition and physical activity knowledge and behaviors.

17 The baseline data shall not be self-reported but shall be collected by a trained
18 professional such as a school nurse or physical education teacher. The data shall be
19 compiled in a single, statewide database hosted by an entity approved by the
20 Department of Public Instruction.

21 The State Board of Education shall report the data to the Joint Legislative
22 Education Oversight Committee prior to March 15, 2009.

23 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
25 2008-2009 fiscal year to implement the provisions of this act.

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.