
Education Committee

HB 2811

Brief Description: Creating the healthy student grant program.

Sponsors: Representatives Sullivan, Liias, Quall, Haigh, Simpson and Ormsby.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates the Healthy Student Grant Program for school districts and community-based organizations to offer innovative instruction and activities in health, fitness, and nutrition.

Hearing Date: 1/25/08

Staff: Barbara McLain (786-7383).

Background:

The Essential Academic Learning Requirements for health and fitness expect that students will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain an active life, including physical fitness, nutrition, recognizing patterns of growth and development, and how to reduce health risks and live safely. In addition, students analyze and evaluate the impact of real-life influences on health and develop health and fitness plans based on life goals.

In some communities, hospitals, public health agencies, and other community-based organizations have developed curriculum, materials, and activities to support health and fitness instruction.

Summary of Bill:

If funds are appropriated, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) allocates funds on a competitive basis to support the Healthy Student Grant Program. Grants are used to develop and offer innovative and engaging instruction and activities in health, fitness, and nutrition. School districts, independently or in partnership with community-based organizations, hospitals, public health agencies, and other organizations, may submit grant applications. The OSPI prepares an annual report on the activities supported by the grants.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Requested on January 16, 2008.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.