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

Sponsors: Representatives Bell and Glazier (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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