

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2194

By: Representative Deffenbaugh

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE MEASUREMENT OF BODY MASS INDEX
OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE MEASUREMENT OF BODY MASS
INDEX OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(a), concerning nutrition and physical activity standards for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After having consulted the Child Health Advisory Committee and the State Board of Health, the State Board of Education shall promulgate appropriate rules ~~and regulations~~ to ensure that nutrition and physical activity standards ~~and body mass index for age assessment protocols~~ are implemented to provide students with the skills, opportunities, and encouragement to adopt healthy lifestyles.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(b)(4), concerning nutrition and physical activity standards for public schools, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Assign all community health nurses under its supervision to work with schools to assure that ~~body mass index for age assessment~~ protocols are followed by school employees or their designees who conduct ~~body mass index for age assessments and other~~ student health screenings; and



SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-7-135(c), concerning nutrition and physical activity standards for public schools, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Every school district shall:

(1) Prohibit for elementary school students in-school access to vending machines offering food and beverages; and

(2) Require schools to include as part of the annual report to parents and the community the amounts and specific sources of funds received and expenditures made from competitive food and beverage contracts;

~~(3) Beginning with kindergarten and then in even-numbered grades, require schools to include as a part of a student health report to parents a body mass index percentile by age for each student; and~~

~~(4)(A) Permit any parent to refuse to have his or her child's body mass index percentile for age assessed and reported, by providing a written refusal to the school.~~

~~(B) Students in grades eleven through twelve (11-12) are exempt from any policy or requirement of a public school or the state for measuring or reporting body mass index.~~