

HOUSE BILL 293

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to physical education.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Tom Cronan Physical Education Act.”

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-1021(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as new subdivision (2):

(2) In addition to the integration of physical activity into the instructional school day according to subdivision (a)(1), each LEA shall require each student in grades kindergarten through five (K–5) to participate in a physical education class at least two (2) times in any week in which school is in session for two (2) or more days during the school year. Each physical education class shall be at least thirty (30) minutes, but no more than forty-five (45) minutes in duration. A physical education class shall be taught by a licensed teacher with an endorsement in physical education or a specialist in physical education. No student shall be exempted from a required physical education class to attend remedial classroom activities or to participate in increased academic instructional time, on school athletic teams, in school clubs, or in other activities. A student may be exempted from a required physical education class or a required activity in the physical education class, if the student’s physician certifies in writing that the student’s medical condition or disability prevents the student from participating in the physical education class or the activity. An LEA shall file an annual report, as required

by the commissioner of education, verifying that it has met the physical education requirements of this subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.