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I am a current public high school student. I like the push for more physical activity. I too strongly want this. However I believe a full hour would be a disruptive first endeavor into recess for high schoolers. I do not be leave this would fit into the existing school day. I would recommend starting with a shorter period. I like the gesture but I believe this could be refined. Due to this I urge you to vote no on this bill.



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While the stated intent of this bill is to promote student health, HB 2748 creates a rigid, statewide mandate that significantly alters school schedules, staffing demands, and instructional priorities without providing funding, implementation guidance, or justification for emergency enactment.

First, HB 2748 imposes an unfunded mandate by requiring a minimum of 60 minutes per day of supervised moderate physical activity for all students, including middle, high school, and alternative education programs.

Many districts—particularly rural and under-resourced ones—do not have the staffing, facilities, or scheduling capacity to comply without cutting instructional time or diverting already-limited resources.

Second, the bill erodes local control. School districts currently have flexibility to meet physical activity requirements in ways that fit their students and communities.

HB 2748 replaces that discretion with statutory minimums set at the state level, undermining the authority of local boards and educators who are best positioned to balance academic, developmental, and logistical needs.

Third, the expansion of this mandate beyond elementary grades is particularly concerning.

Secondary schools operate on credit-based instructional models, and a daily one-hour activity requirement risks interfering with graduation requirements, academic coursework, transportation schedules, and work-study obligations—especially for alternative education students.

Fourth, while the bill references IDEA and Section 504, it provides no practical guidance for individualized implementation. This exposes districts to compliance conflicts, inconsistent enforcement, and potential civil-rights disputes.

Finally, the emergency clause is not justified. No data or documented public-health emergency is cited that would warrant bypassing the normal legislative timeline.

Emergency clauses should be reserved for genuine emergencies, not policy preferences.

In sum, HB 2748 is overbroad, underfunded, and improperly rushed. Improving student health is a worthy goal, but it should be pursued through locally adaptable, adequately funded, and evidence-

based approaches, not blanket mandates.



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I am currently a Junior at my public high school. Every last minute of my day is dedicated to ensuring I can be the greatest student I can be. In just one hour, I'm able to make new strides in my understanding of calculus, of college-level physics, of computer science, of United States history. In just one hour, I can do so much-- all of us can do so much. It is not a productive use of our time to spend our crucial hours in gym class. Instead of having another hour to be productive, the proposed bill will subject us to an hour of exercise that is frankly unnecessary. Our school already mandates we fulfill PE credits to graduate, which I feel is more than sufficient to condition students to become more physically active. I see many of my peers exercise and participate sports all on their own volition, which is a testament to our generation's strong understanding of the importance of physical activity. This legislation will serve to little but disrupt our learning. I urge you to please vote against this bill.



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