By: Patrick, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 1018

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of community partnerships and the development of policy recommendations for increasing physical activity and improving fitness among public school students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.004, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (c) and (m) and adding Subsections (l-1) and (n) to read as follows:
(c) The local school health advisory council's duties include recommending:

(1) the number of hours of instruction to be provided in health education;

(2) curriculum appropriate for specific grade levels designed to prevent obesity, cardiovascular disease, and Type 2 diabetes through coordination of:

(A) health education;
(B) physical education and physical activity;
(C) nutrition services;
(D) parental involvement; and
(E) instruction to prevent the use of tobacco;

(3) appropriate grade levels and methods of instruction for human sexuality instruction; and

(4) strategies for integrating the curriculum components specified by Subdivision (2) with the following elements in a coordinated school health program for the district:

(A) school health services;
(B) counseling and guidance services;
(C) a safe and healthy school environment; and
(D) school employee wellness;

(5) if feasible, joint use agreements or strategies for collaboration between the school district and community organizations or agencies.

(l-1) The local school health advisory council shall establish a physical activity and fitness planning subcommittee to consider issues relating to student physical activity and fitness and make policy recommendations to increase physical activity and improve fitness among students.

(m) In addition to performing other duties, the local school
health advisory council shall submit to the board of trustees, at least annually, a written report that includes:

(1) any council recommendation concerning the school district's health education curriculum and instruction or related matters that the council has not previously submitted to the board;

(2) any suggested modification to a council recommendation previously submitted to the board; [and]

(3) a detailed explanation of the council's activities during the period between the date of the current report and the date of the last prior written report; and

(4) any recommendations made by the physical activity and fitness planning subcommittee.

(n) Any joint use agreement that a school district and community organization or agency enter into based on a recommendation of the local school health advisory council under Subsection (c)(5) must address liability for the school district and community organization or agency in the agreement.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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