

By Mr. Palumbo of Newbury, petition of Thomas G. Palumbo that provision be made for health related fitness tests in the public schools of the Commonwealth. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR HEALTH RELATED FITNESS TESTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The third paragraph of section 50 of chapter 15
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 188 of
3 the acts of 1985, is hereby amended by striking out the first
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 To identify students with basic skills deficiencies and to determine
6 which students need remediation, the board shall annually test all
7 students at grade three, at a later elementary grade, and at a
8 secondary grade to be determined by the board, for mastery of
9 basic skills in reading, writing, mathematics; in addition, health
10 related fitness testing may be administered by each local district
11 at an early elementary, late elementary and early secondary level
12 and such other areas as the board determines.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 50 of said chapter 12, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the sixth
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following para-
4 graph: —
5 The results of the curriculum testing and basic skills testing and
6 health related fitness tests required by this section shall be a part
7 of the basis for the annual assessment by the board of each school
8 and school district, as provided for in section forty-nine. Guide-
9 lines for health related fitness testing shall be established by the
10 board, with assistance from the department of public health and
11 physical education educators.

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