

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 351

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

February 19, 2009

An act to amend Section 51222 of the Education Code, relating to physical education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 351, as introduced, Salas. Physical education.

Existing law requires all pupils who are not otherwise exempt to attend courses in physical education for a total period of time of not less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays.

This bill would require that specified programs and courses qualify toward meeting this requirement, including interscholastic athletic programs, marching band, drill team, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. The bill would make other technical and clarifying changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51222 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 51222. (a) All pupils, except pupils excused or exempted
4 pursuant to Section 51241, shall be required to attend ~~upon the~~
5 courses ~~of~~ in physical education for a total period of time of not
6 less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays. ~~Any~~ For purposes of

1 *this subdivision, the following courses and programs shall qualify*
2 *toward meeting this requirement:*

3 (1) *Interscholastic athletic programs.*

4 (2) *Marching band.*

5 (3) *Drill team.*

6 (4) *Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.*

7 (b) *Any pupil may be excused from physical education classes*
8 *during one of grades 10, 11, or 12 for not to exceed 24 clock hours*
9 *a time period less than 24 hours in order to participate in*
10 *automobile driver training. Such A pupil who is excused from*
11 *physical education classes to enroll in driver training shall attend*
12 *upon a minimum of 7,000 minutes of physical education instruction*
13 *during such that school year.*

14 (b)

15 (c) *The governing board of each school district that maintains*
16 *a high school and that elects to exempt pupils from required*
17 *attendance in physical education courses pursuant to paragraph*
18 *(1) or (2) or both of subdivision (b) of Section 51241 shall offer*
19 *those exempted pupils so exempted a variety of elective physical*
20 *education courses of not less than 400 minutes each 10 schooldays.*