

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 842

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

SCHOOLS: Requires daily recess for public school students in grades kindergarten through eight

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1), relative to required physical activity for students;  
3 to require certain public schools to provide daily recess; to provide for a minimum  
4 duration of such recess; to provide a definition of recess; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §17.1. Required physical activity in schools; recess

9 A.(1) Each public school that includes any of the grades kindergarten  
10 through eight shall provide at least thirty minutes each school day of quality  
11 moderate to vigorous physical activity for students. In addition, each such school  
12 shall provide recess of at least thirty minutes per day. For purposes of this Paragraph,  
13 "recess" shall mean a play environment outside of regular classroom instructional  
14 activities where students are allowed to engage in supervised, safe, and active free  
15 play.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 842 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires daily recess of at least 30 minutes for students in grades kindergarten through eight.

Present law requires each public school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through eight to provide at least 30 minutes each school day of quality moderate to vigorous physical activity for students.

Proposed law additionally requires each such school to provide at least 30 minutes of recess each day, defined as a play environment outside of regular classroom instructional activities where students are allowed to engage in supervised, safe, and active free play.

(Amends R.S. 17:17.1(A)(1))