

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Requires public schools to provide at least one recess period per school day in schools with any grade kindergarten through fifth grade

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:17.7, relative to required recess for students; to require certain public
3 schools to provide daily recess; to provide for a minimum duration of such recess;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:17.7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §17.7. Required recess

8 Each public school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through five
9 shall provide at least fifteen minutes of recess, consisting of supervised, unstructured
10 free play, each school day.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires daily recess of at least 15 minutes for public school students in schools with grades kindergarten through five.

Proposed law requires each public school that includes any of the grades kindergarten through five to provide at least 15 minutes of recess each day, consisting of supervised, unstructured free play.

(Adds R.S. 17:17.7)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law for inclusion of recess in the minimum number of instructional minutes for the school day for grades one through 12 in public schools.