



**House  
Legislative  
Analysis  
Section**

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**PHYS. ED ALTERNATIVES**

House Bill 4845 with committee  
amendment  
First Analysis (6-16-93)

Sponsor: Rep. Gary L. Randall  
Committee: Education

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

The School Code requires that every pupil "so far as the pupil is physically fit and capable of doing so" take a course in physical education. Some people say that this requirement can be difficult for some students to meet, given the pressures on their schedules. Participation in sports and other extracurricular activities ought to be seen as an acceptable substitute.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would amend the School Code to permit a school district to accept a student's participation in extracurricular athletics or other extracurricular activities involving physical activity as a substitute for his or her physical education requirement.

MCL 380.1502

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

There is no information at present.

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bill would permit schools to accept as a substitute for a required physical education course extracurricular activities that have basically the same function and purpose.

***Against:***

The bill provides no guidelines for what is an acceptable alternative to a traditional physical education course. Some people say school districts already have the discretion provided by the bill.

***POSITIONS:***

There are no positions at present.