

## Physical Activity Legislation in the 112th United States Congress (Updated June 28 , 2011)

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Synopsis	Last Major Action
<b>House Bills</b>				
H.R.369	Health Savings and Affordability Act of 2011	Rep Austria, Steve [R-OH-7]	Amends the IRS Code to allow classification of certain exercise equipment and fees for physical fitness programs as medical expenses under FSA's and HSA's.	1/20/2011 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R.422	To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that schools have physical education programs that meet minimum requirements for physical education	Rep Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require states and local educational agencies that receive school improvement funds must ensure that their schools provide: (1) 150 minutes of physical education per week for elementary school students; (2) 225 minutes of physical education per week for middle and secondary school students; and (3) disabled students with such physical education as is determined appropriate under their individualized education programs.	2/25/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
H.R.481	Complete America's Great Trails Act of 2011	Rep Connolly, Gerald E. "Gerry" [D-VA-11]	Amends the IRS Code to allow a tax credit for the fair market value of any National Scenic Trail conservation contribution.	2/4/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
H.R.709	Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act of 2011	Rep Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	Provides federal grants for the rehabilitation and construction of recreation areas and facilities and development of improved recreation programs in urban areas. Allows for improvement of recreational areas and facilities and expansion of recreation services in urban areas with a high incidence of crime and to help expand recreation opportunities for at-risk youth. Includes language stating (among others) one of the priorities when evaluating grant applications is that the program "promotes physical activity for individuals and the community at large". Includes several provisions that if enacted, would increase the number of physical activity in urban areas, particularly those in high risk areas.	3/23/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.
H.R.1057 /S576	Fitness Integrated with Teaching Kids Act (FIT Kids Act)	Rep Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	Amends the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act to increase children's physical activity throughout the school day, requiring all schools, districts and states to report on quantity and quality of physical education; amending existing school programs to integrate physical activity and wellness throughout the school day; supporting professional development for health and physical education teachers and principals to boost students' ability to learn and help promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity; and funding a study to examine the impact of health and physical activity on student achievement and find effective ways to increase physical activity during the school day.	4/4/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
H.R.1090	Full-Service Community Schools Act of 2011	Rep Hoyer, Steny [D-MD-5]	Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to partnerships made up of one or more local educational agencies (LEAs) and one or more community-based, nonprofit, or other public or private entities to assist public elementary or secondary schools to function as full-service community schools. This will allow for the offering of coordinated and integrated educational, developmental, family, health, and other services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships. The bill specifically includes "developmentally appropriate physical education" under the definitions listed for services.	4/4/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
H.R. 1531	Access to Complete Education Act	Rep. Lynn Woolsey [D-CA-6]	Adds Physical Education and Health to the list of Core Curriculum classes in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as No Child Left Behind). Also gives priority for grants to localities that have the greatest numbers or percentages of children from families below the poverty line.	5/20/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
H.R.1780	Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011	Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]; Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	Helps to ensure that all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users as well as children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, are able to travel safely and conveniently on our streets.	5/6/11 Referred to the House Committee on Highways and Transit.
H.R.1825	<b>Commuter Relief Act</b>	Rep Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to establish a uniform monthly benefit amount of \$200 for all types of transportation fringe benefits (commuting reimbursements, transit passes, parking, and bicycle commuting reimbursements) and allow a cost-of-living adjustment for such benefit amount beginning after 2012. Also permits employees to exclude from gross income for income tax purposes transit passes and reimbursements of bicycle commuting expenses in the same month.	5/11/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
H.RES.13	<b>Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the recognition, protection, promotion, and facilitation of the annual JFK 50 Mile.</b>	Rep Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	Expresses support that the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club and the Director of the National Park Service (NPS) continue to accommodate members of the Armed Forces as they meet the challenge of the JFK 50 Mile marathon race. Encourages the Club to work with the NPS to accommodate growth of the JFK 50 Mile as the event approaches its 50th year in 2012 and expresses the desire of the House that the U.S. government should recognize the desire to protect and promote the heritage and historical significance of the JFK 50 Mile.	1/26/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
H.RES.68	<b>Supporting the goals and ideals of "Hockey is For Everyone Month".</b>	Rep Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	Expresses support for the goals and ideals of Hockey is For Everyone Month; the strengthening of youth hockey programming for underprivileged youth to combat childhood obesity, youth violence, and educational problems; engaging diverse community development through the support of nonprofit youth hockey clubs; and the use of hockey as a rehabilitative tool for wounded veterans and disabled children.	2/25/2011 Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

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Senate Bills				
SRES97	A resolution affirming the importance of exercise and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle, including in combating obesity, reducing chronic disease, and lowering health care costs.	Sen Casey, Robert (D-PA)	Recognizes the key role physical activity plays in a healthy lifestyle and encourages the development of incentives, including responsible economic incentives, to promote exercise and a more physically active and healthy United States.	3/9/2011 Passed the Senate by Unanimous Consent.
S.174	Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention America Act	Sen Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	The HeLP bill contains numerous provisions for physical activity for all ages. Included are improving physical activity in childcare settings, worksite physical activity initiatives, equal physical activity opportunities for students with disabilities, sports for students with disabilities, call for physical activity guidelines for pre-school age children and a 5 year cycle for revision of the national physical activity guidelines for all ages, joint use agreements to increase physical activity opportunities, etc.	1/25/2011 Referred to the Committee on Finance.
S.392	Promoting Health as Youth Skills In Classrooms And Life Act	Sen Udall, Mark [D-CO]	Establish an Office of Safe and Healthy Students in the Department of Education to replace the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and expand the office's scope to include broader health and physical education issues. Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to include health education and physical education as "core academic subjects." Requires states to determine the most feasible measure for assessing students in health education and physical education and to measure student knowledge and performance against state standards. Authorizes appropriations for FY2012-FY2016 for the Carol M. White Physical Education Program, which provides matching grants to initiate, expand, and improve physical education programs (including after-school programs).	2/17/2011 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
S576/HR 1057	Fitness Integrated with Teaching Kids Act (FIT Kids Act)	Sen Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	Amends the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act to increase children's physical activity throughout the school day, requiring all schools, districts and states to report on quantity and quality of physical education; amending existing school programs to integrate physical activity and wellness throughout the school day; supporting professional development for health and physical education teachers and principals to boost students' ability to learn and help promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity; and funding a study to examine the impact of health and physical activity on student achievement and find effective ways to increase physical activity during the school day.	3/15/11 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
S585	Full-Service Community Schools Act of 2011	Sen Nelson, E. Benjamin [D-NE]; Sen Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to partnerships made up of one or more local educational agencies (LEAs) and one or more community-based, nonprofit, or other public or private entities to assist public elementary or secondary schools to function as full-service community schools. This will allow for the offering of coordinated and integrated educational, developmental, family, health, and other services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships. The bill specifically includes "developmentally appropriate physical education" under the definitions listed for services.	3/15/2011 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
S800	A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to reauthorize and improve the safe routes to school program.	Senator Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	The Safe Routes to School program is due for reauthorization as part of the next transportation bill. This bill proposes sustaining the program at the current funding level of \$183 million per year (given high demand and need for the program) , maintains Safe Routes to School as a standalone transportation program; allows high schools to be eligible on a limited basis, adds a research and evaluation component and also streamlines program delivery and reducing overhead by lessening the regulatory burden.	4/12/2011 Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
S867	Fighting Gangs and Empowering Youth Act of 2011	Senator Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	Includes an authorized amount to be appropriated of 300,000,000 each year for the period of 2011-2015 for the 21 Century School Community Center program and in addition includes an authorized amount for appropriation of \$100,000,000 yearly specifically for the Carol M. White Physical Education (PEP) program.	5/3/2011 Referred to Senate committee on the Judiciary.
S919	Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students Act of 2011	Senator Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	The Successful, Safe, and Healthy Students Act of 2011 (SSHSA) will authorize \$1 billion for grants to States to develop comprehensive, data-driven, and evidence-based programs to address critical conditions for learning. States will receive funding to implement programs to support positive conditions for learning by promoting student health and fitness, mental health and counseling services, and drug and violence prevention. Funds would be distributed by formula to States, but if the appropriation for this program is below \$500m, the grants would be awarded competitively. The bill calls for distributing subgrants competitively to local education agencies (LEA's) and non-profit organizations to improve the conditions for learning in their schools, giving priority to those with the highest poverty and greatest needs. Requires that at a minimum. States must distribute 20% of the grant to programs that promote physical activity, education, fitness, and nutrition.	5/9/2011 Referred to Senate committee Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
SRES173	A resolution designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2011, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week".	Senator Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	Recognizes the central role of physical education and sports in creating a healthy lifestyle for all children and youth; supports the implementation of local school wellness policies that include ambitious goals for physical education, physical activity, and other activities that address the childhood obesity epidemic and promote child wellness; and encourages schools to offer physical education classes to students and work with community partners to provide opportunities and safe spaces for physical activities before and after school and during the summer months for all children and youth.	5/9/2011 Referred to Senate Committee on the Judiciary.
S1056	Safe and Complete Streets Act of 2011	Senator Tom Harkin [D-IA]	Helps to ensure that all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users as well as children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, are able to travel safely and conveniently on our streets.	5/24/2011 Referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.