

Office of Public Instruction  
Prepared Testimony on HJ017

SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 6

DATE 3-7-05

BILL NO. HJ-17

Bill Number: HJ017  
Bill Subject: urge more Health Enhancement to combat obesity  
Sponsor: Rep. McAlpin  
Pro/Opp/Info: Informational  
Committee: Senate Education  
Chairperson: Sen. Don Ryan  
Meeting Info: March 7, 2005 3:00 pm Room 303

Testimony:

Chairperson Ryan and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Rick Chiotti from the Office of Public Instruction. I am here to provide informational testimony on behalf of Superintendent Linda McCulloch regarding HJ017.

First: Superintendent McCulloch believes that the purposes of the resolution – to increase and improve physical education and physical activity opportunities – are important efforts to help reduce weight-related health problems, such as diabetes, among our youth. Besides the obvious health benefits to being more fit, there is growing evidence that healthy kids learn better.

Second: HJ017 clarifies that the benefits of physical activity belong to all students in all grades and is consistent with the accreditation standards for Health Enhancement.

Third: Superintendent McCulloch strongly believes that a resolution (not legislation) is the proper way for the legislature to approach the Board of Public Education and local school boards regarding curricular content and classroom instruction.

If the Office of Public Instruction can be of assistance, we will answer what questions we can to help the Committee in its consideration of House Joint Resolution 17.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee.