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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

**Requires 9<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning in the 2009-2010 school year to complete one-half credit of physical education to graduate from high school. Allows school districts and charter schools to satisfy this requirement using either state or national physical education standards.**

#### Section

- 1 Required academic standards.** (a) Adds physical education as a required statewide academic standard.  
  
(b) Requires the state's one-half credit physical education standard to be consistent with either the physical education benchmarks developed by the quality teaching network or the national physical education benchmarks developed by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. To satisfy federal Title VII reporting requirements, an affected school district must notify the education department of its intent to comply with this provision. Requires Minnesota school districts and charter schools to use either the state or national physical education standards to provide physical education instruction and programs to K-12 students.  
  
Makes this section effective immediately and applicable as a graduation requirement to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and later.
- 2 Rigorous course of study; waiver.** Allows a school board to exempt a student from the physical education requirement if the student demonstrates mastery of the physical education standard.
- 3 Revisions and reviews required.** (g) Strikes references to physical education as a local academic standard.  
  
Makes this section effective immediately and applicable in the 2009-2010 school year and later.

- 4**      **Graduation requirements; course credits.** Requires students to successfully complete one-half credit of physical education to graduate from high school. Changes from 7 to 6.5 the number of elective course credits students must successfully complete to graduate from high school.

Makes this section effective immediately and applicable to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning in the 2009-2010 school year and later.