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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE OF 69TH LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION

MY NAME IS DAVID CLEMENS AND I SERVE IN THE SENATE FROM DISTRICT 16.

I AM HERE TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT 25.1383.01002 OF HB 1621.

MY REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT IS THAT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED UNDER STATE STATUTE TO PARTAKE IN PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST.

THE FITNESS TEST IS NOT EVEN A REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

BOTH PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC DO NOT WANT ADDITIONAL MANDATES PLACED UPON THEM SINCE EVERY MANDATE WILL TAKE AWAY TIME FROM CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOT RECEIVING STATE FUNDING AND THUS SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THIS TEST.

OVERALL, THERE MAY NOT BE ANY ISSUE WITH THE FITNESS TEST, BUT DO NOT MANDATE IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOU TIME AND OPEN FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

SINCERELY,

SEN DAVID CLEMENS