
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 222

AN ACT PERMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO OFFER AN EXEMPTION FROM THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CREDIT REQUIREMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows local or regional boards of education (school boards) to adopt a policy to exempt students who participate in interscholastic athletics from the physical education and wellness graduation requirement (currently, one credit).

By law, students must complete at least 25 credits to graduate from high school, including at least (1) nine credits in humanities, including civics and the arts; (2) nine credits in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; (3) one credit in health and safety education; (4) one credit in world languages; and (5) a half credit in personal financial management and financial literacy (CGS § 10-221a). The bill retains the requirement that students complete 25 credits, so students who receive the physical education exemption must complete another credit in its place.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 12 (03/18/2026)