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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Young and M. Miller

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### SUMMARY

- Permits a public or chartered nonpublic school to permit a high school student to substitute club sports or other athletic activities to fulfill high school physical education requirements.
- Requires public schools to provide 30 minutes of recess twice a day for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade, except for days in which a student is attending a physical education course.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Club sports and other athletic activities as physical education

The bill permits a school district, community school, STEM school, college-preparatory boarding school, or chartered nonpublic school to permit a high school student to substitute two full seasons of club sports or 120 hours of other athletic activities to fulfill high school physical education requirements in the same manner as with interscholastic athletics, marching band, show choir, and cheerleading under continuing law.<sup>1</sup>

The bill requires students who participate in club sports or other athletic activities to submit a signed statement to the district or school that certifies that the student has either completed two full seasons or 120 hours of the sport or activity. The statement must be signed by the student's parent or guardian and the coach of the club sport or the instructor of the other athletic activity.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3313.603(L).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3313.603(O).

Under the bill, “club sports” includes both a youth sports organization and a sport sanctioned by a school, but not regulated by an organization that regulates interscholastic conferences or events (such as the Ohio High School Athletics Association) and is limited to participants under 19 years of age. “Other athletic activity” is a sport or physical activity taught by an instructor outside of school.<sup>3</sup>

## Recess requirement

The bill requires each school district, community school, STEM school, and college-preparatory boarding school to provide recess time for at least 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade. However, districts and schools are not required to provide recess time on any school day in which a student attends a physical education course.<sup>4</sup>

Under the bill, 30 minutes for both morning and afternoon recess time for grades kindergarten through 8 counts towards the minimum hours required in a school year. Under continuing law, students must be in attendance for at least 455 hours for students in kindergarten, 910 hours for students enrolled in full-time kindergarten and grades 1-6, and 1,001 hours for students enrolled in grades 7-12.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3313.603(A)(3) and (4).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3313.6025.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3313.48(A).