

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution are sent to Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 and Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Old Senate Office Building, Suite 460, Washington, D.C. 20510, and the Honorable Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, 330 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 ; and The Honorable Marvin Mandel, Governor of Maryland; and to [[Congressmen]] Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Paul Sarbanes, Marjorie S. Holt, Lawrence J. Hogan, Goodloe E. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Gilbert Gude at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dr. Neil Solomon, and the Deputy Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dr. Matthew Tayback.

Approved April 30, 1974.

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No. 20

(Senate Joint Resolution 16)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Physical Education in Secondary Schools

FOR the purpose of requesting the State Department of Education to reconsider its plan to make physical education an elective subject in secondary public schools.

WHEREAS, As a Nation, far too many of us are overfed and underexercised; and

WHEREAS, The current mandatory physical education in our public schools, grades 9 through 12, may be the last and only programmed physical exercise many teenagers receive; and

WHEREAS, The Surgeon General has stated that physical exercise is vital to good health; and

WHEREAS, The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland have stated that dropping mandatory physical education classes could damage the over-all educational process; and

WHEREAS, Many constituents have indicated strong objection to the elimination of mandatory gym classes; and

WHEREAS, Many children who need physical education