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HOUSE BILL 218\*  
PROPOSED SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H218-PCS11235-TK-30

Short Title: Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 3, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD  
3 OBESITY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is created the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Task Force shall consist of 12 members as follows:

7 (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8 (2) Six members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one  
10 Representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one  
11 Senator as cochair. Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled by the same appointing  
12 authority that made the initial appointment. A quorum of the Task Force shall be a majority of  
13 its members.

14 **SECTION 4.** The Task Force shall include, but should not be limited to, study of  
15 issues relating to childhood obesity. In the course of the study, the Task Force shall consider  
16 and recommend to the General Assembly strategies for addressing the problem of childhood  
17 obesity and encouraging healthy eating and increased physical activity among children through  
18 the following:

19 (1) Early childhood intervention.

20 (2) Childcare facilities.

21 (3) Before- and after-school programs.

22 (4) Physical education and physical activity in schools.

23 (5) Higher nutrition standards in schools.

24 (6) Comprehensive nutrition education in schools.

25 (7) Increased access to recreational activities for children.

26 (8) Community initiatives and public awareness.

27 (9) Other means.

28 **SECTION 5.** The Task Force shall encourage input from public nonprofit  
29 organizations promoting healthy lifestyles for children, addressing the problems related to  
30 childhood obesity, encouraging healthy eating, and increasing physical activity among children.

31 **SECTION 6.** Members of the Task Force shall receive per diem, subsistence, and  
32 travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Task  
33 Force, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under



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1 G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Task Force may meet at any time  
2 upon the joint call of the cochairs. The Task Force may meet in the Legislative Building or the  
3 Legislative Office Building.

4 With approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services  
5 Officer shall assign professional staff to assist the Task Force in its work. The House of  
6 Representatives' and the Senate's Directors of Legislative Assistants shall assign clerical staff to  
7 the Task Force, and the expenses relating to the clerical employees shall be borne by the Task  
8 Force. The Task Force may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as  
9 provided by G.S. 120-32.02. If the Task Force hires a consultant, the consultant shall not be a  
10 State employee or a person currently under contract with the State to provide services.

11 All State departments and agencies and local governments and their subdivisions  
12 shall furnish the Task Force with any information in their possession or available to them.

13 **SECTION 7.** The Task Force shall submit an interim report to the 2012 Regular  
14 Session of the 2011 General Assembly and submit a final report of the results of its study and  
15 its recommendations to the 2013 General Assembly. The Task Force shall terminate on  
16 February 1, 2013, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

17 **SECTION 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law.