



Email Print

Text Size

Bill would enlist Ohio schools in obesity fight

Associated Press - November 18, 2009 8:25 AM ET

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Ohio schools would become a key battleground in the fight against childhood obesity, under legislation introduced in both the state House and Senate.

A bipartisan bill offered Tuesday would require schools to provide students with 30 minutes a day of moderate to rigorous physical activity, apart from recess. The measure also calls for more physical education for high school students, more nutritional food and drink options in schools, and regular body-mass index screenings for students every few years.

CEO Steve Allen of Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus says the legislation is needed because of what he describes as an "epidemic" of obesity in children. He says the number of overweight teenagers has tripled in the last 20 years.

Copyright 2009 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

From the Technology Channel



- Internet's best freebies
- Online personal trainers
- Listen to music anywhere
- Optimize HDTV picture
- The best web browser?



All content © Copyright 2000 - 2009 WorldNow and WFMJ. All Rights Reserved. For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of Service](#).