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HOUSE BILL 1827\*  
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Short Title: Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 19, 2010

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REESTABLISH THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD  
3 OBESITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
4 CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Part XLIX of S.L. 2009-574 reads as rewritten:

7 "PART XLIX. LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY (Yongue)

8 "SECTION 49.1. There is created the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity.

9 "SECTION 49.2. The Task Force shall consist of 12 members as follows:

- 10 (1) Six members of the House of Representatives.  
11 (2) Six members of the Senate.

12 "SECTION 49.3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate one  
13 Representative as cochair, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall designate one  
14 Senator as cochair. Terms of the initial members begin on appointment and continue until the  
15 convening of the 2011 Session of the General Assembly. Subsequent appointments begin  
16 during the 2011 Session of the General Assembly and continue until the Task Force terminates.  
17 Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled by the same appointing authority that made the  
18 initial appointment. A quorum of the Task Force shall be a majority of its members.

19 "SECTION 49.4. The Task Force shall include, but should not be limited to, study of  
20 issues relating to childhood obesity. In the course of the study, the Task Force shall consider  
21 and recommend to the General Assembly strategies for addressing the problem of childhood  
22 obesity and encouraging healthy eating and increased physical activity among children through:

- 23 (1) Early childhood intervention;  
24 (2) Childcare facilities;  
25 (3) Before and after-school programs;  
26 (4) Physical education and physical activity in schools;  
27 (5) Higher nutrition standards in schools;  
28 (6) Comprehensive nutrition education in schools;  
29 (7) Increased access to recreational activities for children;  
30 (8) Community initiatives and public awareness; and  
31 (9) Other means.

32 "SECTION 49.5. The Task Force shall encourage input from public nonprofit  
33 organizations, promoting healthy lifestyles for children, addressing the problems related to  
34 childhood obesity, encouraging healthy eating, and increasing physical activity among children.

35 "SECTION 49.6. Members of the Task Force shall receive per diem, subsistence, and  
36 travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. The Task  
37 Force, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under



1 G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4. The Task Force may meet at anytime  
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 Officer  
5 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 shall  
12 furnish the Task Force with any information in their possession or available to them.

13 "**SECTION 49.7.** The Task Force shall submit a ~~final~~ report of the results of its study and  
14 its recommendations to the 2010 Regular Session of the 2009 General Assembly. The Task  
15 Force may make a report of the results of its study and recommendations to the 2011 General  
16 Assembly and shall submit a report to the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly.  
17 ~~The Task Force shall terminate on May 1, 2010, or upon the filing of its final report, whichever~~  
18 ~~occurs first.~~ upon the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the 2011 General Assembly."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective April 30, 2010.