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**Suggested language from the American Cancer Society and
the American Heart Association**

* * * Physical Education and Nutrition Task Force * * *

Sec. ___ PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND NUTRITION TASK FORCE;
REPORT

(a) There is created a Vermont Physical Education and Nutrition Task Force to examine and recommend ways for schools to improve wellness, physical education, activity, and nutrition in Vermont schools.

(b) The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) an individual employed as a teacher in a Vermont public school appointed by the Vermont National Education Association;

(2) an individual employed as a physical education teacher in a Vermont public school appointed by the Vermont Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance;

(3) an individual employed as a food service director in a Vermont public school appointed by the School Nutrition Association of Vermont;

(4) an individual employed as a principal in a Vermont public school appointed by the Vermont Principals Association;

- 1 (5) an individual employed as a superintendent in a Vermont public
2 school appointed by the Vermont Superintendents Association;
- 3 (6) an individual employed as a school nurse in a Vermont public school
4 appointed by the Vermont State School Nurses Association;
- 5 (7) a representative of the American Heart Association;
- 6 (8) a representative of the American Cancer Society;
- 7 (9) a representative of a statewide obesity coalition selected by the
8 American Heart Association;
- 9 (10) a member appointed by the Secretary of Education; and
- 10 (11) a member appointed by the Commissioner of Health.
- 11 (c) The Task Force shall:
- 12 (1) examine barriers to good nutrition and to adequate time for physical
13 education, breakfast, and lunch and explore possible solutions to overcome the
14 barriers, including review of:
- 15 (A) wellness councils and policies;
- 16 (B) minimum time limits for meals;
- 17 (C) the availability of snacks and beverages;
- 18 (D) the provision of physical education, including minimum
19 instructional time;
- 20 (E) other opportunities for physical activity; and
- 21 (F) employee wellness; and

1 (2) recommend and share best practices for Vermont schools.

2 (d) The Task Force shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
3 assistance of the Agency of Education. For purposes of preparing
4 recommended legislation, the Task Force shall have the assistance of the
5 Office of Legislative Council.

6 (e) On or before October 1, 2014, the Task Force shall publish on the
7 Agency of Education’s website and submit to the Governor and the House and
8 Senate Committees on Education a written report detailing the results of its
9 examination and any recommendations for legislative action.

10 (f) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the Task Force
11 to occur on or before June 1, 2014.

12 (g) The Task Force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2015