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**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 73**

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**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 73—Relative to the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 73, as amended, DeSaulnier. California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness.

This measure would continue the existence and set forth the membership of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, to perform duties to promote fitness and health in schools and workplaces. It would permit the task force to accept private funds and in-kind donations, require the task force to submit a report on its work to the Legislature on or before June 30, 2012, and provide that

the task force would cease to exist on July 1, 2014, unless its existence is extended by a later enacted resolution.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The State of California is currently facing a  
2 growing obesity crisis in which 58.8 percent of all adults are  
3 overweight and fewer than 40 percent of children in grades 5, 7,  
4 and 9 passed a physical performance test known as the Fitnessgram;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Healthy workplace and school environments can  
7 greatly enhance the quality of life for California workers, children  
8 and their families, increase morale, prevent illness, and enhance  
9 productivity of California businesses and students; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporate America traditionally overlooks the  
11 importance of employee well-being in relation to the work  
12 environment; and

13 WHEREAS, California’s schools often present a model of eating  
14 and activity that is incongruent with the healthy habits encouraged  
15 in health, nutrition, and physical education; and

16 WHEREAS, Californians’ obesity and overweight rates are  
17 leading to an epidemic of Type II Diabetes (formerly known as  
18 Adult Onset Diabetes) among children and adults, with projections  
19 that one in three children born in 2006 will contract the disease;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The current rates of overweight, inactivity, obesity,  
22 and diabetes are costing California over 41 billion dollars each  
23 year in health costs and lost productivity; and

24 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a  
25 framework and support to help California companies enhance  
26 employee wellness programs as a long-term health solution; and

27 WHEREAS, A legislative task force is necessary to provide a  
28 framework and support to California’s schools in order to create  
29 healthier education environments; and

30 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace  
31 Wellness was established in the 2001–02 Regular Session of the  
32 Legislature by SCR 40 and SCR 99, and continued in the 2005–06  
33 Regular Session of the Legislature by SCR 73, to promote fitness  
34 and health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and

35 WHEREAS, The California Task Force on Youth and Workplace  
36 Wellness has successfully elevated the profile of fitness in the

1 California Legislature, in schools and workplaces statewide, and  
2 has developed projects such as the Physical Education Research  
3 for Kids project and the California Fit Business Award to continue  
4 encouraging healthy eating and activity environments for all  
5 Californians; now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
7 *thereof concurring*, That the California Task Force on Youth and  
8 Workplace Wellness is hereby continued to promote fitness and  
9 health in the Legislature, schools, and workplaces; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the task force shall be comprised of Members  
11 of the Legislature and experts as follows:

12 (a) The task force shall have 20 voting members, with additional  
13 advisory members and alternates as requested or needed.

14 (b) The Speaker of the Assembly shall appoint two Members  
15 from the Assembly, and the Senate Committee on Rules shall  
16 appoint two Members from the Senate. Additionally, both the  
17 Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules shall  
18 each appoint alternate members from the Assembly and from the  
19 Senate.

20 (c) Additionally, both the Speaker of the Assembly and the  
21 Senate Committee on Rules shall each appoint members, from  
22 each of the following categories:

- 23 (1) Two members from the field of education.
- 24 (2) Two members from the field of industry or business.
- 25 (3) Two members from the field of health.
- 26 (4) One member from the field of fitness.

27 (d) Two “youth representatives” and two alternates between  
28 the ages of 15 and 19 shall be appointed by the foregoing members  
29 of the task force and approved by the task force chair, for one-year  
30 terms, concurrent with the academic school year; and be it further

31 *Resolved*, That the Members of the Legislature who serve on  
32 the task force shall serve only to the extent that their service is  
33 consistent with their duties as Members of the Legislature; and be  
34 it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Senate Committee on Rules shall name the  
36 chair of the task force; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That members of the task force appointed by the  
38 Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly shall  
39 serve at the pleasure of the appointing power; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the members of the task force shall conduct the  
2 business of the task force on a volunteer basis and shall not receive  
3 a salary for services nor be reimbursed for travel and other expenses  
4 incurred in the performance of their duties as task force members;  
5 and be it further

6     *Resolved*, That the task force shall have all of the following  
7 duties:

8     (a) To meet twice a year to discuss strategies. The task force  
9 shall strive to generate media and public interest in the activities  
10 of the task force and its annual meetings in a manner that elevates  
11 the importance of healthy and fit schools and workplaces in the  
12 minds of all Californians.

13     (b) To support the existing task force Internet Web site, and to  
14 publicize the task force mission statement and inform visitors of  
15 resources available to California citizens, schools, and companies.  
16 Features shall include a library of wellness tips, educational tools,  
17 examples of successful school and corporate wellness programs,  
18 including individual success stories, and biographies of task force  
19 members.

20     (c) To generate media and legislative attention for the task force  
21 and increase awareness of wellness issues.

22     (d) To submit a report on the work of the task force to the  
23 Legislature on or before June 30, 2012; and be it further

24     *Resolved*, That the task force shall create two subcommittees,  
25 one on youth wellness, and another on corporate wellness, to  
26 specialize work and expertise. Other subcommittees may be created  
27 as the members of the task force deem appropriate. Each  
28 subcommittee shall report on its work and findings to the entire  
29 task force; and be it further

30     *Resolved*, That the task force is authorized to accept private  
31 funds and in-kind donations to pay expenses incurred in conducting  
32 its business. These expenses include, but are not limited to, staff,  
33 administrative, meeting, and publication expenses; and be it further

34     *Resolved*, That the task force shall cease to exist on July 1, 2014,  
35 unless a later enacted resolution that is enacted before that date  
36 deletes or extends that date.

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