I. Intro: Vic Colman as director of COPC
   a. We are a statewide advocacy group that looks for policy ideas that make healthy choices easier
   b. We are in support of HB 2669

II. Like the bill overall
   a. It is needed because we need to value physical education as a core component of education. The merits are physical education are clear:
      i. Supports better health and can prevent disease thru instilling a physically active lifestyle
      ii. Promotes academic achievement
      iii. Develops cooperation, teamwork and problem solving
   b. We are aware of the pressures on schools to provide for the whole child but we think this bill strikes a good balance by focusing on K-8 and:
      i. not just ramping up standards overnight but providing for a phased-in approach
      ii. the potential support offered by the proposed grants program
      iii. capturing data on current realities re minutes, waives and qualified teachers

>> While we are not going to solve the obesity crisis by focusing solely on the school sector we do think there is a clear need to reinvigorate the physical education aspects of learning and movement with our young people

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.