

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 531

To provide for the publication by the Secretary of Human Services of physical activity guidelines for Americans.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Physical
5 Activity for Americans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
7 AMERICANS.**

8 (a) REPORTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31,
10 2018, and at least every 10 years thereafter, the
11 Secretary of Health and Human Services (referred
12 to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall publish

1 a report that provides physical activity recommenda-
2 tions for the people of the United States. Each such
3 report shall contain physical activity information and
4 recommendations for consideration and use by the
5 general public, and shall be considered, as applicable
6 and appropriate, by relevant Federal agencies in car-
7 rying out relevant Federal health programs.

8 (2) BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS.—The infor-
9 mation contained in each report required under
10 paragraph (1) shall be based on the most current
11 evidence-based scientific and medical knowledge at
12 the time the report is prepared, and shall include ad-
13 ditional information for population subgroups, such
14 as children or individuals with disabilities, if sci-
15 entific and medical evidence indicates that physical
16 activity recommendations vary in such a manner
17 that such stratification is warranted.

18 (3) UPDATE REPORTS.—Not later than 5 years
19 after the publication of the first report under para-
20 graph (1), and every 10 years thereafter, the Sec-
21 retary shall publish an update report detailing evi-
22 dence-based practices and highlighting continuing
23 issues with respect to physical activity. The contents
24 of reports under this paragraph may focus on a par-
25 ticular group, subsection, or other division of the

1 general public or on a particular issue relating to
2 physical activity.

3 (b) INTERACTION WITH OTHER RECOMMENDA-
4 TIONS.—Federal agencies proposing to issue physical ac-
5 tivity recommendations that differ from the recommenda-
6 tions in the most recent report published under subsection
7 (a)(1) shall submit such proposed recommendations to the
8 Secretary for review, and as appropriate, approval, to en-
9 sure that such recommendations are either consistent with
10 the physical activity recommendations published under
11 such subsection or based on the most current evidence-
12 based scientific and medical knowledge.

13 (c) EXISTING AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED.—This
14 section is not intended to limit the support of biomedical
15 research by any Federal agency or to limit the presen-
16 tation or communication of scientific or medical findings
17 or review of such findings by any Federal agency.

Amend the title so as to read: “To provide for the
publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
ices of physical activity recommendations for Ameri-
cans.”.