



## South Carolina Band Directors Association

### Top Six Talking Points - S.302, Marching Band as an Alternative to PE

1. S.302 passed the Senate on March 27<sup>th</sup> by a vote of 43 – 0.
2. This legislation would not replace PE and simply incorporates the five standards of the South Carolina Standards for Physical Education curriculum into the marching band curriculum in order to qualify for the PE education credit in high school.
3. Flexibility: Students earning PE credit from marching band would have additional flexibility with their academic schedule.
4. VirtualSC: Many students currently take PE using VirtualSC and use the cardio regiment from marching band as their activity for this class. Virtual school PE students are required to have a fitness sponsor to monitor their physical activity for the duration of the course.
5. A study was done on two different occasions (first in 1993 and again in 2005) which proved marching activity is indeed athletic in nature, and the experiences of marchers exceeds many other sports.

1993 version of the study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL79z1Aw87g>

2005 version of the study: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WWmM1jpM8I>

6. States currently allowing the marching band alternative:

Georgia	Mississippi	Illinois
Alabama	Louisiana	Utah
Texas	Ohio	Colorado
Florida	Michigan	Arizona
Tennessee	Oklahoma	California

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