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## Senate Passes Bonacic's Bill to Promote Education in Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Education in High Schools

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(Albany, NY)- Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) is pleased to announce that his bill, Senate Bill S.4368 has passed the Senate. This bill would instruct the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to work the Board of Regents to develop an education program that local school districts could choose to utilize, relating to hunting, fishing and outdoor education as a means to present students in grades nine through twelve with information about outdoor recreation opportunities.

"This bill will give students the opportunity to learn more about hunting, fishing and outdoor education, while simultaneously encouraging them to lead an active lifestyle," said Bonacic. "Over the last decade, the percentage of overweight and obese high school students has increased dramatically. By providing this choice in schools, we can help lower that percentage and motivate youth to enjoy the outdoors as a healthier alternative to playing video games, watching television, or surfing the internet."

Senate Bill S.4368 was passed as part of a package of bills celebrating Earth Day. It will now move to the Assembly for consideration.

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