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Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6455 in subsection 1 in the last line (page 1, line 18 in amendment) by striking out the following: "on religious or philosophical grounds"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6455 by inserting after subsection 1 the following:

2. Notice to parent or guardian. A school administrative unit shall send a notice to a parent or guardian of a student in that school administrative unit no later than 30 days before that school administrative unit collects body mass index data from students informing that parent or guardian that body mass index data will be collected from the parent or guardian's child unless that parent or guardian objects.

3. Confidentiality. Except as provided in subsection 4, body mass index data collected pursuant to subsection 1 are confidential and are not subject to disclosure pursuant to Title 1, chapter 13.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6455 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 21 in amendment) by inserting at the end the following: 'Data reported pursuant to this subsection may be reported in the aggregate only and may not identify an individual student.'

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §6455 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires a school administrative unit to send a notice to a parent or guardian of a student in that school administrative unit no later than 30 days before that school administrative unit collects body mass index data from students informing that parent or guardian that body mass index data will be collected from the parent or guardian's child unless that parent or guardian objects. The amendment allows a parent or guardian to object for any reason. The bill limits objections to religious or philosophical grounds.

This amendment provides that body mass index data collected by school administrative units are confidential except that data may be reported in the aggregate only to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Data reported in this manner may not identify an individual student.