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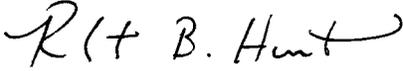
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H.P. 953

House of Representatives, April 3, 2025

An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


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Clerk

Presented by Representative EDER of Waterboro.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6558** is enacted to read:

3 **§6558. Prohibition on mask mandates**

4 **1. Mask mandate; definition.** As used in this section, "mask mandate" means any
5 requirement imposed by a school board requiring the wearing of a medical or nonmedical
6 face mask by a student, staff member or visitor within a school facility or during a school-
7 related activity.

8 **2. Prohibition.** A school board may not implement or enforce a policy that requires a
9 school administrative unit to adopt a mask mandate.

10 **3. Enforcement.** The department shall oversee the compliance of the provisions of
11 this section and ensure that school boards adhere to the prohibition under this section.

12 **4. Penalties.** A school board that violates this section is subject to penalties as
13 determined by the department, which may include the withholding of state funds allocated
14 to the school administrative unit that the school board governs.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits a school board from implementing or enforcing a policy that requires
17 a school administrative unit to adopt a mask mandate.