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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 953, L.D. 1461, “An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Prohibit School Boards from Implementing or Enforcing Mask Mandates Unless Directed to Adopt a Mask Mandate by a State or Local Health Authority'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6558 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting the following: 'Except as provided in subsection 3, a'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6558 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 1, lines 10 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**'3. Exception. A school board may adopt a mask mandate upon direction from a state or local health authority. A mask mandate adopted under this subsection must include provisions that masks worn by students must be appropriate for a school setting and fit-tested by a health care professional.'**

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment provides that a school board may adopt a mask mandate upon direction from a state or local health authority and requires that such a mandate include provisions related to the type and fit of masks worn by students. The amendment also removes the provisions of the bill related to enforcement and penalties for a school board that implements or enforces a mask mandate.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**