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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 469, L.D. 678, Bill, "An Act To Protect Students from Identity Theft"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §6001-C is enacted to read:

§6001-C. Student social security numbers; collection and deletion

1. Collection of social security number. If a school administrative unit, a public school within a school administrative unit or a private school requests a student's social security number, the unit or school shall inform the parent or legal guardian of that student or the student if the student is 18 years of age or older for what purpose the social security number will be used and provide the parent, legal guardian or student if the student is 18 years of age or older the opportunity to opt out of providing the social security number.

2. Deletion of social security number. A school administrative unit, a public school within a school administrative unit or a private school that collects a student's social security number shall delete the student's social security number from the student's records once the student is no longer enrolled in the school administrative unit, the public school within a school administrative unit or private school.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and places provisions regarding student social security numbers in the part of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A that deals with student records. The amendment requires a school administrative unit, a public school within a school administrative unit or a private school, if asking for a student's social security number, to inform the student's parent or legal guardian or the student if the student is 18 years of age or older for what purpose the social security number will be used. The amendment requires the unit or school to provide the parent, legal guardian or student with the opportunity to opt out of providing the social security number.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The amendment also requires a school administrative unit, a public school within a
2 school administrative unit or a private school that collects a student's social security
3 number to delete it from the student's records once the student is no longer enrolled.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)