

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

H.P. 158 - L.D. 197

## An Act To Improve Health Services to Schools

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6402-A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 258, §2, is amended to read:

**§6402-A. School health advisor**

Each school board shall appoint one or more ~~school~~ physicians or family or pediatric nurse practitioners to act as school health advisor.

**1. Duties.** The school ~~physician~~ health advisor shall advise the administrative unit on school health issues, policies and practices and may also perform any other health-related functions assigned by the board.

**2. Other functions.** A school ~~physician~~ health advisor may perform other medical and health-related duties assigned by the school board, which may include all or some of the following:

- A. Examine and diagnose students referred by teachers and other school employees to protect against the outbreak of contagious diseases in the schools;
- B. Examine students for participation in physical education and athletic activities;
- C. Advise and serve as medical consultant to the school nurse; or
- D. Examine school employees and property if the ~~physician~~ school health advisor believes it is necessary to protect the health of students.

**3. Prohibition.** A school ~~physician~~ health advisor may not treat any student examined under this subchapter unless the ~~physician~~ school health advisor is also the student's personal ~~physician~~ health care provider. A school health advisor that advises a school board pursuant to subsection 1 or performs other functions under subsection 2 may not act outside the scope of practice of the physician or nurse practitioner who functions as a school health advisor as established by law or rule of the applicable licensing board.

**4. Appointment.** Appointment ~~shall be~~ is on a yearly basis.