

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1439

H.P. 948

House of Representatives, April 3, 2025

**An Act to Protect the Health and Welfare of Children in Public
Schools by Requiring Parental Consent for Certain Tests, Analyses
and Diagnoses**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LYMAN of Livermore Falls.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BAGSHAW of Windham, DRINKWATER of Milford, GRIFFIN of Levant,
HAGGAN of Hampden, SMITH of Palermo, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: LIBBY of
Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4017** is enacted to read:

3 **§4017. Evaluations requiring parental consent**

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a school administrative unit may
5 not conduct an evaluation of a student that includes testing of intellectual, emotional,
6 behavioral, psychological or physical development or is for the purpose of diagnosing an
7 intellectual, emotional, behavioral, psychological or physical condition without first
8 obtaining the signed, written consent of the student's parent or legal guardian.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits school administrative units from conducting student evaluations that
11 include testing of intellectual, emotional, behavioral, psychological or physical
12 development or are for the purpose of diagnosing an intellectual, emotional, behavioral,
13 psychological or physical condition without first obtaining parental consent.