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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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