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House of Representatives, January 13, 1981

Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Revise, Consolidate and Update Statutes Concerning Certain School Health Services and Practices as they Relate to Communicable Diseases.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 1131, as amended by PL 1967, c. 425, § 19, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 1132 is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 1132-A is enacted to read:

§ 1132-A. **Appointment; duties**

The school committee or board of directors of each administrative unit shall appoint one or more physicians who shall be available to the administrative unit to advise on school health issues, policies and practices and to administer the health services program.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 1134, as amended by PL 1967, c. 425, § 19, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 1138, as amended by PL 1967, c. 425, § 19, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA § 1138-A is enacted to read:

§ 1138-A. **Notice of disease or defects and examinations and referrals**

The school committee or board of directors shall cause notice of disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering, to be sent to his parents or guardians. Whenever a child shows symptoms of a disease requiring exclusion from school, the procedures outlined in the recommendations promulgated pursuant to Title 22, chapter 251 shall be followed.

If, in the judgment of the designated school authorities, the pupil's recovery from a communicable disease is questionable, the school committee may require a certificate of good health before readmitting the pupil.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The deletion in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 of sections 1131, 1132, 1134 and 1138 with the concurrent enactment of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20, sections 1132-A and 1138-A will update the law to reflect current accepted practices of this phase of school health services.