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House of Representatives, February 3, 2009

An Act To Track the Prevalence of Childhood Obesity in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative RANKIN of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRIGGS of Mexico, CAIN of Orono, HAYES of
Buckfield, PEOPLES of Westbrook, PETERSON of Rumford, Speaker PINGREE of North
Haven, SANBORN of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6455** is enacted to read:

3 **§6455. Body mass index data**

4 **1. Collection of data.** A school nurse shall collect body mass index data from
5 students in the school administrative unit in accordance with rules of the Department of
6 Health and Human Services.

7 **2. Reporting of data.** A school nurse shall report the data collected under subsection
8 1 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control
9 and Prevention.

10 **3. Rules.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt routine
11 technical rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this
12 section. The rules must at a minimum:

13 **A. Establish a schedule and protocol for the collection of data from students; and**

14 **B. Provide a method for uniform reporting of the collected data to the Maine Center**
15 **for Disease Control and Prevention.**

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill would create a protocol for all school nurses to follow in the collection of
18 body mass index data from children and provide a method for uniform reporting to the
19 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and
20 Prevention.