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In Senate, February 24, 2009

An Act To Protect Student Privacy while Complying with Federal Law

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative HASKELL of Portland and
Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, COURTNEY of York, GERZOFSKY of Cumberland,
RAYE of Washington, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, PIOTTI of Unity, TARDY
of Newport.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6001, sub-§4 is enacted to read:
3 .	4. Disclosure of names. A school may not disclose the name of a student involved
4	in prohibited behavior unless specifically required to by state or federal law. The
5	department shall assist a school in conforming to the provisions of this subsection. This
6	subsection may be enforced by a civil action brought by a student or parent of a student
7	whose name has been disclosed or a school official or school administrative unit in which

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the student attends school.

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This bill prohibits the disclosure of the name of a student unless required by state or federal law and directs the Department of Education to work with schools to conform to this prohibition. This bill also allows a student or parent of a student whose name has been disclosed or a school official or school administrative unit in which the student attends school to enforce this provision by a civil action.