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S.P. 498

In Senate, April 10, 2013

An Act To Make Parents More Aware of Eating Disorders

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TUTTLE of York.
Cosponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay and
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CAIN of Penobscot, CRAVEN of
Androscoggin, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAZUREK of Knox,
MILLETT of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6305** is enacted to read:

3 **§6305. Information regarding eating disorders**

4 A school board shall annually provide parents of kindergarten to grade 12 students
5 with educational information regarding eating disorders. The information must be
6 consistent with guidelines set forth by department rule.

7 **Sec. 2. Policies for educational information regarding eating disorders.**

8 The Department of Education, referred to in this section as "the department," seeking the
9 assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services, school boards, school
10 superintendents, the National Eating Disorders Association, the National Association of
11 School Nurses and the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, shall
12 develop and implement policies for providing parents with educational information
13 regarding eating disorders. The department shall develop by rule guidelines for school
14 boards regarding parental notification procedures for positive indications of an eating
15 disorder. The department shall provide the guidelines to school boards in the State for
16 dissemination pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6305 by
17 August 1, 2014. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
18 pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill directs the Department of Education, seeking the assistance of the
21 Department of Health and Human Services, school boards, school superintendents, the
22 National Eating Disorders Association, the National Association of School Nurses and
23 the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, to develop and implement
24 policies for providing parents educational information regarding eating disorders. A
25 school board must annually provide parents of kindergarten to grade 12 students with
26 educational information regarding eating disorders.