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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 158, L.D. 197, Bill, “An Act To Permit Nurse Practitioners To Perform the Functions of School Physicians”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Improve Health Services to Schools'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6402-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 258, §2, is amended to read:

§6402-A. School health advisor

Each school board shall appoint one or more ~~school physicians~~ or family or pediatric nurse practitioners to act as school health advisor.

1. Duties. The school ~~physician~~ health advisor shall advise the administrative unit on school health issues, policies and practices and may also perform any other health-related functions assigned by the board.

2. Other functions. A school ~~physician~~ health advisor may perform other medical and health-related duties assigned by the school board, which may include all or some of the following:

- A. Examine and diagnose students referred by teachers and other school employees to protect against the outbreak of contagious diseases in the schools;
- B. Examine students for participation in physical education and athletic activities;
- C. Advise and serve as medical consultant to the school nurse; or
- D. Examine school employees and property if the ~~physician~~ school health advisor believes it is necessary to protect the health of students.

3. Prohibition. A school ~~physician~~ health advisor may not treat any student examined under this subchapter unless the ~~physician~~ school health advisor is also the

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1 student's personal ~~physician~~ health care provider. A school health advisor that advises a
2 school board pursuant to subsection 1 or performs other functions under subsection 2 may
3 not act outside the scope of practice of the physician or nurse practitioner who functions
4 as a school health advisor as established by law or rule of the applicable licensing board.

5 **4. Appointment.** Appointment ~~shall be~~ is on a yearly basis.'

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment renames
8 school physicians, including family or pediatric nurse practitioners, school health
9 advisors and clarifies that school health advisors may not act outside the scope of practice
10 applicable to the school health advisor. The amendment removes from the bill a
11 provision on local health officer duties.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

13 **(See attached)**