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## **An Act To Protect Student Privacy while Complying with Federal Law**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6001, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

**4. Disclosure of names.** A school may not disclose the name of a student involved in prohibited behavior unless specifically required to by state or federal law. The department shall assist a school in conforming to the provisions of this subsection. This subsection may be enforced by a civil action brought by 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.

### **SUMMARY**

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.