

Amendment to HB 1093

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Section; Schools; Facial Coverings Policy. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 74
4 the following new section:

5 189:75 Facial Covering Policy for Schools. The school board of a school district or the chief
6 executive officer of a chartered public school or public academy shall not adopt, enforce, or
7 implement a policy that requires students or members of the public to wear a facial covering for any
8 purpose while on the school's property unless the facial covering is necessary for a specific
9 extracurricular or instructional purpose, or is required by some other section of the law. In this
10 section, "facial covering" means any item worn on the face which covers a student's mouth, nose, or
11 both. This provision shall not prohibit any public school board or governing person or body of a
12 school from requiring participating students to wear athletic gear intended to protect against
13 concussive or similar sports-related physical damage, or to wear protective equipment while
14 handling chemicals, fire, or other similar hazardous elements for scientific or similar educational
15 purposes. Further, this provision shall not prohibit policies that may require facial coverings as part
16 of a student's individualized education program pursuant to RSA 186-C or accommodation plan
17 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq).