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HOUSE BILL **1131**

AN ACT relative to facial covering policies for schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Weyler, Rock. 13; Rep. Blasek, Hills. 21

COMMITTEE: Education

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits school boards and other public education agencies from adopting, enforcing, or implementing a policy that requires students or members of the public to wear a facial covering.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Schools; Instruction of Pupils; Facial Coverings Policy. Amend RSA 189 by
2 inserting after section 10 the following new section:

3 189:10-a Facial Covering Policy for Schools. The school board of a school district or the chief
4 executive officer of a chartered public school or public academy shall not adopt, enforce, or
5 implement a policy that requires students or members of the public to wear a facial covering for any
6 purpose while on the school's property unless the facial covering is necessary for a specific
7 extracurricular or instructional purpose, or is required by some other section of the law. In this
8 section, "facial covering" means any item worn on the face which covers a student's mouth, nose, or
9 both. This provision shall not prohibit any public school board or governing person or body of a
10 school from requiring participating students to wear athletic gear intended to protect against
11 concussive or similar sports-related physical damage, or to wear protective equipment while
12 handling chemicals, fire, or other similar hazardous elements for scientific or similar educational
13 purposes.

14 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.