



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6202

LCO No. 919

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

REP. HETHERINGTON, 125th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
TESTING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PROCEDURAL
SAFEGUARDS FOR PARENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 10-76d of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Department of Education to include the following in their
3 publication "Steps to Protect a Child's Right to Special Education:
4 Procedural Safeguards" and that all parents who are requested by
5 school Planning Placement Teams to have their child evaluated for any
6 psychiatric or psychological disorder be provided the following by the
7 PPT prior to the parent signing any consent form for psychiatric or
8 psychological testing or evaluation of their child: (1) A statement that
9 neither the state or federal departments of education endorses or
10 recommends any checklist, particular form of assessment or evaluation
11 for psychiatric disorders; (2) a copy of 20 CFR 1232h "Protection of
12 Pupil Rights"; and (3) a copy of the Hatch Amendment to the General
13 Education Act as published in the Federal Register on September 6,
14 1984, and which became effective November 12, 1984.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the current procedural safeguards regarding a parent's right to informed consent and right to refuse psychiatric or psychological testing and evaluation of their child.