

S.B. 374 SAY NO

I am asking you to vote against this bill on my behalf. It is clearly an invasion of parental rights by the State Board of Education. It violates parental responsibilities and rights in their care of their own children, whether in public education or not. It assumes all children to be in need of mental/emotional probing. It does not designate the qualifications of the one responsible for the behavioral health assessment -health care provider is an ambiguous title. It is a costly proposal without explaining who will be responsible for payment.

“That section 10-206 of the general statutes be amended to require (1) each pupil enrolled in public school at grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 and each home-schooled child at ages 12, 14 and 17 to have a confidential behavioral health assessment, the results of which shall be disclosed only to the child's parent or guardian, and (2) each health care provider performing a child's behavioral health assessment to complete the appropriate form supplied by the State Board of Education verifying that the child has received the assessment.”

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"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."----- Abraham Lincoln