

Hoover SB 374

Please vote No on S.B. 374, An Act Requiring Behavioral Health Assessments for Children.

Every child is unique with a unique psyche and determining a threatening aberration based on an assessment will be nearly impossible and practically useless. Drawing conclusions based on an evaluation can only be speculation. Many legitimately reserved children or children with ADHD, or related "mental health" attributes, have turned out to be fine adults and contributors to society. A child's parent and physician knows them best, and are fully capable to refer those deemed a possibly threat to society to those who can help. The problem is not that troubled children go undiagnosed but in the adequacy and consistency of care provided for those most in need, as determined by loving parents and intelligent Physicians. "Assessing" or Stereotyping children based on their Psyche, behavior or mental health will only prove to be more detrimental.

Please protect our freedoms as parents as our troops have so diligently and assiduously protected our freedoms through the years. Please respect the right of all parents to not have their children undergo possibly and quite probably unnecessary psychological evaluations against their will. Please vote no on S.B. 374 and focus legislation and taxpayers dollars instead on helping those most in need to have access to services that will help these troubled children.

Clarity of those most in need is already evident without assessment of all children, please focus on helping those most in need. Parents, teachers and Physicians could pinpoint who is most in need without an assessment. Please focus on providing to those the help they need more adequately without damaging the psyche of all through assessment and evaluation!

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