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To Whom It May Concern,

I am absolutely shocked by Bill 374 that proposes 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.

This proposed intrusion into home-schooled children's lives is unconscionable! Please base legislature on statistical fact versus knee-jerk reaction that makes no sense. The vast majority of home-schooled children are better behaved and better educated than public school children. These are two of the reasons parents decide to keep their children out of public schools! Home schooled children grow up to become valuable, productive citizens.

This is still a republic, not a socialist or communist country. Please do your homework to see how successful socialism and communism has been to the countries taken over by these abhorrent philosophies. And if you still desire to implement them here, please do us all a favor and move to North Korea, China, Cuba, etc., and see how much you like living there.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned US Citizen