

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

As a parent, I oppose this bill because the ODE should be focusing on improving public education for both neurotypical children and kids with learning disabilities/dyslexia NOT collecting health information. The surveys that this bill would require would not help improve education and therefore should not take up school time or resources.

I have several concerns regarding this bill:

Every piece of a child's private health information should be shared only with a parents permission and full knowledge of exactly what is being shared and with whom. This bill may have good intentions with how the information collected will be used and who can access it, but the potential for abuse seems high.

The bill gives the OHA and ODE an all access pass to collect whatever information they want from a child as young as 10 years old. With exception of perhaps mental health concerns, what kind of accurate health information would you get from a 10 year old? And what kind of health information would the ODE or OHA need that a parent can't provide as needed? We have no idea what questions would be asked. It worries me that perhaps a child's response may be misunderstood or taken out of context and could lead to an unnecessary CPS call that could become an extremely traumatic and damaging experience for the child and family.

Addressing health related problems in a community should be left to local governments and individual school districts with parents of the children involved.

Please vote NO on HB4132.

Regards,
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