

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

As a parent, I oppose this bill because it is an invasion of medical privacy and because it grossly misuses the emergency clause. The state continues pushing for more and earlier involvement in children's lives. It is not the state's place to decide what is best for my children, it is mine. My child's medical and/or mental health information does not belong to the state. Allowing a child of 10 to decide without parental consent to answer a health survey is nearing criminal. This issue boils down to whether the state owns my children or not. The answer is an unequivocally no! This should absolutely be a parental "opt-in" for children that young instead of a questionable opt-out.

Regards,
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