

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to administration of medication to public school students; creating s. 1006.0625, F.S.; defining the term "psychotropic medication"; prohibiting a recipient of state funds from requiring a student to be prescribed or administered psychotropic medication as a condition of receipt of educational services financed by state funds; providing requirements for administration; requiring notification to parents prior to evaluation of certain students for classification or placement as an exceptional student; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1006.0625, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1006.0625 Administration of psychotropic medication; prohibition.--

(1) As used in this section, the term "psychotropic medication" means a prescription medication that is used for the treatment of mental disorders and includes, without limitation, antihypnotics, antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiety agents, sedatives, psychomotor stimulants, and mood stabilizers.

(2) A recipient of state funds shall not require a student to be prescribed or administered any psychotropic medication as a condition of such student receiving educational or school-based services, including, but not limited to, school enrollment, class attendance, extracurricular activity

29 participation, or school-related event attendance, that are
30 financed in whole or part by state funds. A psychotropic
31 medication shall be administered pursuant to s. 1006.062.

32 (3) Before a student is evaluated for the purposes of
33 classification or placement under s. 1003.57(5) for any disorder
34 listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
35 Disorders, the parent shall be notified that:

36 (a) The behaviors prompting the evaluation could be the
37 result of underlying physical conditions.

38 (b) The parent should consider consulting a medical doctor
39 to rule out physical causes.

40 (c) The parent has the right to decline the evaluation.

41 (d) The evaluation and subsequent classification or
42 placement may be documented on the student's cumulative record.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.