

Senate Resolution 128

By: Senators Schaefer of the 50th, Cagle of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th, Pearson of the 51st and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Georgia Congressional Delegation to oppose mandatory mental health screening
2 of American school children; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush established the President's New Freedom
4 Commission on Mental Health in April of 2002 and directed the commission to identify
5 policies that could be implemented by federal, state, and local governments to maximize the
6 utility of existing resources, improve coordination of treatments and services, and promote
7 successful community integration for adults with a serious mental illness and children with
8 a serious emotional disturbance; and

9 WHEREAS, the commission has recommended, among other things, mandatory mental
10 health screening of American school children, meaning millions of school children will be
11 forced to undergo psychiatric screening even in the face of opposition of their parents,
12 shattering the fundamental right of parents to decide what medical treatment is appropriate
13 for their children; and

14 WHEREAS, the commission's recommendation was embraced by President Bush and both
15 chambers of Congress, and funding was provided for such screening in the 2005 federal
16 budget; and

17 WHEREAS, it is important to understand that the powerful pharmaceutical lobby is behind
18 this idea because of its eagerness to sell psychotropic drugs to millions of new customers,
19 and federal bureaucrats are just as eager to control our lives; and

20 WHEREAS, it is vital to the country's freedom and to the strength of the American family
21 to derail this dangerous mandate, either through repeal of enabling legislation or refusing to
22 fund this Orwellian program.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the
2 members of this body urge the Georgia Congressional Delegation to oppose implementation
3 of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health recommendations regarding
4 the mandatory mental health screening of America's school children.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Congressional Delegation
7 and to the press.