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SEA 529: The Bill Nobody Wants to Claim

Across Indiana, a rumbling of discontent about a state law passed in 2005 has been gathering momentum for the past several months, in preparation for the Indiana General Assembly to begin its next session.



The controversy centers on Senate Enrolled Act 529 and its mandate regarding children and mental health. The state-directed plan, according to its opponents, effectively sets a precedent for taking away parents' rights when it comes to mental health care for their children.

While opponents say the most offensive part of the law deals with a mandate to screen children, birth to age 22, for mental health problems as part of routine exams in schools and by health care providers, other parts of the law have enough people upset that some legislators and Indiana parents are calling for a repeal of SEA 529 in its entirety.

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