Prohibition on Recommendations for Psychotropic Drugs

The Bethany Board of Education (Board), consistent with state statutes, prohibits school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child. Moreover, personnel may not require that a child obtain a prescription for a controlled substance (as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) in order for the child to:

1. attend school;
2. receive an initial evaluation or reevaluation to determine a child's eligibility for special education; or
3. receive special education and related services.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, school health or mental health personnel may recommend that a child be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner and school personnel may consult with such practitioner with the consent of the parent/guardian of such child, in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

The Board directs the Superintendent to promulgate administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212b
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76d
34 C.F.R. § 300.174

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