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ATLANTA-JOURNAL CONSTITUTION "School Bill Links Tests, Promotion" Governor's reforms win Senate approval -- Georgia schoolchildren were all but assured Thursday that within a few years, many of them will have to pass a state curriculum test or face being retained a grade.

BALTIMORE SUN

"Bill To Limit Ads in Schools Rejected" A proposal aimed at limiting commercialism in public school classrooms was defeated yesterday by the Maryland Senate. The measure, while less restrictive than originally proposed, would have banned advertising from school buses and limited the use of classroom materials that contain ads or commercial logos.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

"Trying To Stop a Problem as Old as Playgrounds" "There are two places that kids should always feel safe: home and school," says Walter Huston, director of Barrows Elementary School's bully-prevention program. Based on that assumption, Massachusetts has set aside \$1 million in federal funds to bully-proof its schools.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS

"Youth Movement: Don't Let Your Kids Become Couch Potatoes"

Teenagers can groove on this: Window-shopping could be good for your health. It's far too easy for couch potato-itis and resulting excess weight to become facts of life for a significant number of young people.

ST. PAUL (MINN.) PIONEER PRESS "U.S. Teens Get High Mark in Civics" The test -- which covered knowledge of civics, skills in interpreting political information and understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of democracy -- was given to nearly 90,000 students in 1999. The Americans scored 106 on a grading scale in which the international average was 100.