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Senator Grafstein

moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 17, by rewriting the line to read:
"the creation of an injurious environment. A parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker who raises a juvenile consistent with the juvenile's expressed gender identity, or who refers to a juvenile consistent with the juvenile's expressed gender identity, shall not be subject to a petition supporting abuse or neglect under this Subchapter based solely on those acts.";

and on page 1, lines 26-27, by rewriting the lines to read:
"(2) The adoptive parents' willingness or unwillingness to provide gender affirming care or to support gender transition; provided that the agency shall at all times consider the specific needs of the juvenile and the appropriateness of the placement in light of the likelihood of emotional or mental injury to the juvenile.";

and on page 2, lines 5-9, by rewriting the lines to read:
"(1) A safe foster home free of violence, abuse, neglect, and danger. The act of raising a child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, including any related mental health or medical decisions, shall not be considered a violation under this subdivision of violence, abuse, neglect, or danger, as those terms are used in this subdivision.";

and on page 2, lines 18-19, by rewriting the lines to read:
"(2) The adoptive parents' willingness or unwillingness to provide gender affirming care or to support gender transition; provided that the agency shall at all times consider the specific needs of the juvenile and the appropriateness of the placement in light of the likelihood of emotional or mental injury to the juvenile.";

and on page 2, lines 27-30, by rewriting the lines to read:
"(d) Any parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other person providing care to or supervision of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for raising a child consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, including referring to a child

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consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, and making related mental health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity.";

and on page 2, lines 37-40, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(c1) Any parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other person providing care to or supervision of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for raising a child consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, including referring to a child consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, and making related mental health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity.";

and on page 2, line 50, through page 3, line 2, by rewriting the lines to read:

"(2) Serious physical injury. – Physical injury that causes great pain and suffering. The term includes serious mental injury. For purposes of this subdivision, a parent raising a child consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity does not, standing alone, constitute serious mental injury; provided that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to permit the infliction of serious physical or mental injury on account of the child's biological sex or gender identity."".

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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