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Senate Bill 442

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Senator Grafstein

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 17, by rewriting the line to read:  
2 "the creation of an injurious environment. A parent, guardian, custodian, or caretaker who raises  
3 a juvenile consistent with the juvenile's expressed gender identity, or who refers to a juvenile  
4 consistent with the juvenile's expressed gender identity, shall not be subject to a petition  
5 supporting abuse or neglect under this Subchapter based solely on those acts.";  
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7 and on page 1, lines 26-27, by rewriting the lines to read:

8 "(2) The adoptive parents' willingness or unwillingness to provide gender  
9 affirming care or to support gender transition; provided that the agency shall  
10 at all times consider the specific needs of the juvenile and the appropriateness  
11 of the placement in light of the likelihood of emotional or mental injury to the  
12 juvenile.";  
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14 and on page 2, lines 5-9, by rewriting the lines to read:

15 "(1) A safe foster home free of violence, abuse, neglect, and danger. The act of  
16 raising a child in a manner consistent with the child's biological sex or  
17 expressed gender identity, including any related mental health or medical  
18 decisions, shall not be considered a violation under this subdivision of  
19 violence, abuse, neglect, or danger, as those terms are used in this  
20 subdivision.";  
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22 and on page 2, lines 18-19, by rewriting the lines to read:

23 "(2) The adoptive parents' willingness or unwillingness to provide gender  
24 affirming care or to support gender transition; provided that the agency shall  
25 at all times consider the specific needs of the juvenile and the appropriateness  
26 of the placement in light of the likelihood of emotional or mental injury to the  
27 juvenile.";  
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29 and on page 2, lines 27-30, by rewriting the lines to read:

30 "(d) Any parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other person providing care to  
31 or supervision of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for raising a child consistent  
32 with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, including referring to a child



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1 consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, and making related mental  
2 health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity.";  
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4 and on page 2, lines 37-40, by rewriting the lines to read:

5 "(c1) Any parent of a child less than 16 years of age, or any other person providing care to  
6 or supervision of the child, is not guilty of a violation of this section for raising a child consistent  
7 with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, including referring to a child  
8 consistent with the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity, and making related mental  
9 health or medical decisions based on the child's biological sex or expressed gender identity.";  
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11 and on page 2, line 50, through page 3, line 2, by rewriting the lines to read:

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

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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