



HOUSE BILL 808: Surgical Gender Trans./Minors.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 808 would prohibit healthcare practitioners from providing or referring out surgical gender transitions procedures to minors.*

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would prohibit healthcare practitioners from providing or referring out surgical gender transition procedures to minors.

"Surgical gender transition procedure" would be defined to mean any surgical service that (i) alters or removes physical or anatomical characteristics typical for an individual's biological sex or (ii) instills or creates physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble a sex different from an individual's biological sex if those services are provided to effectuate a gender transition.

"Gender transition" would be defined as the process in which a person goes from identifying with and living as a gender that corresponds to his or her biological sex to identifying with and living as a gender different from his or her biological sex.

This prohibition would not include:

- Services to individuals with medically verifiable disorders of sexual development.
- Services provided when an individual has been diagnosed as not having normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone action.
- The treatment of any infection, injury, disorder, or disease resulting from a previous gender transition procedure.
- Breast reduction procedures for females with a physical disorder.
- Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers from a physical disorder that is imminently life-threatening.
- Any procedure that a treating physician certifies as being medically necessary to treat a physiological condition.

The bill would also prohibit the use of state funds for surgical gender transition procedures for individuals under 18 years of age, or to support the administration of any governmental health insurance offering surgical gender transition procedures to individuals under 18 years of age.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective October 1, 2023.

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