

# HOUSE BILL No. 1118

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2; IC 16-35-12; IC 34-30-2.1-218.5; IC 35-52-16-23.7.

**Synopsis:** Prohibited services relating to care of minors. Prohibits specified health care professionals from: (1) performing, or causing to be performed, certain medical procedures on a minor; or (2) subjecting a minor to certain activities that purposely attempt to change, reinforce, or affirm a minor's perception of the minor's own sexual attraction or sexual behavior, or attempt to change, reinforce, or affirm a minor's gender identity when the identity is inconsistent with the minor's biological sex.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-162, AS AMENDED BY P.L.212-2005,  
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 162. (a) "Health care professional", for purposes  
4 of IC 16-27-1 and IC 16-27-4, has the meaning set forth in  
5 IC 16-27-1-1.

6 (b) "Health care professional", for purposes of IC 16-27-2, has the  
7 meaning set forth in IC 16-27-2-1.

8 (c) **"Health care professional", for purposes of IC 16-35-12, has**  
9 **the meaning set forth in IC 16-35-12-1.**

10 SECTION 2. IC 16-18-2-235 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 235. "Minor", for  
12 purposes of **IC 16-35-12** and IC 16-36, means an individual who is  
13 less than eighteen (18) years of age.

14 SECTION 3. IC 16-35-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
15 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
16 JULY 1, 2023]:

17 **Chapter 12. Prohibited Health Care of Minors**



1           **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "health care professional" refers**  
 2 **to the following:**

- 3           **(1) A physician licensed under IC 25-22.5.**  
 4           **(2) A nurse, including an advanced practice registered nurse,**  
 5 **licensed under IC 25-23.**  
 6           **(3) Any of the behavioral health or human services**  
 7 **professionals licensed under IC 25-23.6.**  
 8           **(4) A physician assistant licensed under IC 25-27.5.**  
 9           **(5) A psychologist licensed under IC 25-33.**  
 10           **(6) A school counselor licensed by the department of**  
 11 **education.**

12           **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "minor" means an individual**  
 13 **who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.**

14           **Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a**  
 15 **health care professional may not purposely attempt to change,**  
 16 **reinforce, or affirm a minor's perception of the minor's own sexual**  
 17 **attraction or sexual behavior, or attempt to change, reinforce, or**  
 18 **affirm a minor's gender identity when the identity is inconsistent**  
 19 **with the minor's biological sex, by performing or causing to be**  
 20 **performed any of the following procedures on the minor:**

- 21           **(1) Castration.**  
 22           **(2) Vasectomy.**  
 23           **(3) Hysterectomy.**  
 24           **(4) Oophorectomy.**  
 25           **(5) Metoidioplasty.**  
 26           **(6) Orchiectomy.**  
 27           **(7) Penectomy.**  
 28           **(8) Phalloplasty.**  
 29           **(9) Urethroplasty.**  
 30           **(10) Vaginoplasty.**  
 31           **(11) Mastectomy.**  
 32           **(12) Lobotomy.**  
 33           **(13) A surgery to remove a healthy organ or body part.**

34           **(b) Any individual who has reasonable cause to know or suspect,**  
 35 **based on facts, that a minor has been subjected to a procedure**  
 36 **specified in subsection (a) shall report that knowledge or**  
 37 **reasonable cause to either:**

- 38           **(1) the department of child services as child abuse or neglect**  
 39 **under IC 31-33-5; or**  
 40           **(2) the local law enforcement agency.**

41           **The immunity provisions set forth in IC 31-33-6 apply to a report**  
 42 **made under this subsection.**



1           **Sec. 4. (a)** Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a  
 2 health care professional may not purposely attempt to change,  
 3 reinforce, or affirm a minor's perception of the minor's own sexual  
 4 attraction or sexual behavior, or attempt to change, reinforce, or  
 5 affirm a minor's gender identity when that identity is inconsistent  
 6 with the minor's biological sex, by engaging in any of the following  
 7 activities:

8           (1) Prescribing, administering, or furnishing to the minor a  
 9 drug to stop or delay puberty.

10           (2) Prescribing, administering, or furnishing to a female  
 11 minor testosterone or estrogen-suppressing drugs.

12           (3) Prescribing, administering, or furnishing to a male minor  
 13 estrogen or testosterone-suppressing drugs.

14           (4) Subjecting a minor's genitals to an electric current.

15           (5) Penetrating the minor's fingers with needles.

16           (6) Restraining and placing ice on the minor's hands.

17           (7) Wrapping the minor's hands in heat coils.

18           (8) Subjecting the minor to an ice bath.

19           (9) Injecting drugs into the minor to induce vomiting.

20           (10) Restraining the minor with ties or harnesses.

21           (11) Inflicting any physical pain or suffering.

22           **(b)** Any individual who has reasonable cause to know or suspect,  
 23 based on facts, that a minor has been subjected to an activity  
 24 specified in subsection (a) shall report that knowledge or  
 25 reasonable cause to either:

26           (1) the department of child services as child abuse or neglect  
 27 under IC 31-33-5; or

28           (2) the local law enforcement agency.

29           The immunity provisions set forth in IC 31-33-6 apply to a report  
 30 made under this subsection.

31           **Sec. 5.** The prohibitions in sections 3 and 4 of this chapter do not  
 32 apply if either of the following apply:

33           (1) The minor has a medically verifiable genetic disorder of  
 34 sex development, including having:

35           (A) both ovarian and testicular tissue; or

36           (B) external biological characteristics that are ambiguous  
 37 resulting from having a 46,XX karyotype with virilization  
 38 or 46,XY karyotype with undervirilization.

39           (2) The minor has an abnormal sex chromosome structure  
 40 that has been diagnosed using genetic testing by a physician  
 41 licensed under IC 25-22.5.

42           **Sec. 6. (a)** An individual, or the individual's parent or guardian



1 if the individual is a minor, who has been harmed by a violation of  
 2 this chapter has a civil cause of action against the health care  
 3 professional and may bring an action in a court with jurisdiction.

4 (b) An action described in subsection (a) must be commenced  
 5 not later than twenty (20) years after the date on which the  
 6 violation is committed, or discovered, or reasonably should have  
 7 been discovered.

8 (c) A court may award reasonable attorney's fees, litigation  
 9 expenses, and costs to a person who prevails in an action under  
 10 subsection (a).

11 **Sec. 7. (a) A health care professional who violates section 3 of**  
 12 **this chapter commits a Level 5 felony.**

13 (b) A health care professional who violates section 4 of this  
 14 chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

15 (c) A health care professional who violates section 3 or 4 of this  
 16 chapter commits a separate offense for each prohibited medical  
 17 procedure or activity performed.

18 (d) The prosecuting attorney of a criminal prosecution under  
 19 this chapter shall notify in writing the licensing board or authority  
 20 regulating the health care professional of a charge under this  
 21 section against the health care professional. The regulating  
 22 licensing board or authority may consider disciplinary action  
 23 against the health care professional as set forth in IC 25-1-9, or in  
 24 the case of a school counselor, the department of education may  
 25 consider disciplinary action that conforms to the sanctions set forth  
 26 in IC 25-1-9.

27 (e) If a health care professional is found guilty of or pleads  
 28 guilty to a violation of this chapter, the court shall notify in writing  
 29 the licensing board or authority regulating the health care  
 30 professional of the judgment or plea. The regulating licensing  
 31 board or authority may consider disciplinary action against the  
 32 health care professional as set forth in IC 25-1-9, or in the case of  
 33 a school counselor, the department of education may consider  
 34 disciplinary action that conforms to the sanctions set forth in  
 35 IC 25-1-9.

36 SECTION 4. IC 34-30-2.1-218.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 37 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 218.5. IC 16-35-12-3 and**  
 39 **IC 16-35-12-4 (Concerning reporting of child abuse or neglect of**  
 40 **a minor through prohibited surgery or activities).**

41 SECTION 5. IC 35-52-16-23.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 42 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS



1 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 23.7. IC 16-35-12-7 defines crimes**  
2 **concerning prohibited health care for a minor.**

