

# HOUSE BILL No. 1525

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 16-18-2; IC 16-35-12.

**Synopsis:** Prohibited health care for minors. Prohibits specified health care professionals from: (1) performing certain medical procedures on a minor; or (2) prescribing, administering, or furnishing certain drugs to a minor; 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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## Borders

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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

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

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

32          **Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a health**  
33 **care professional may not purposely attempt to change, reinforce,**  
34 **or affirm a minor's perception of the minor's own sexual attraction**  
35 **or sexual behavior, or attempt to change, reinforce, or affirm a**  
36 **minor's gender identity when that identity is inconsistent with the**  
37 **minor's biological sex, by prescribing, administering, or furnishing**  
38 **to:**

- 39           **(1) the minor a drug to stop or delay puberty;**  
40           **(2) a female minor testosterone or estrogen suppressing**  
41 **drugs; or**  
42           **(3) a male minor estrogen or testosterone suppressing drugs.**



1           **Sec. 5. The prohibitions in sections 3 and 4 of this chapter do not**  
2 **apply if either of the following apply:**  
3           **(1) The minor has a medically verifiable genetic disorder of**  
4 **sex development, including having:**  
5           **(A) both ovarian and testicular tissue; or**  
6           **(B) external biological characteristics that are ambiguous**  
7 **resulting from having a 46,XX karyotype with virilization**  
8 **or 46,XY karyotype with undervirilization.**  
9           **(2) The minor has an abnormal sex chromosome structure**  
10 **that has been diagnosed using genetic testing by a physician**  
11 **licensed under IC 25-22.5.**

