

SENATE BILL No. 480

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-1-22.

Synopsis: Gender transition procedures for minors. Prohibits a physician or other practitioner from knowingly providing gender transition procedures to an individual who is less than 18 years of age (minor) that are intended to alter the gender of the minor or delay puberty. Provides for certain medical exceptions. Establishes civil enforcement actions.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2023]:

4 **Chapter 22. Gender Transition Procedures for Minors**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "cross sex hormones" means the**
6 **following:**

7 **(1) Testosterone or other androgens given to a female sex**
8 **individual in an amount that are larger or more potent than**
9 **would normally occur naturally in a healthy female sex**
10 **individual.**

11 **(2) Estrogen given to a male sex individual in an amount that**
12 **is larger or more potent than would normally occur naturally**
13 **in a healthy male sex individual.**

14 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "gender" means the**
15 **psychological, behavioral, social, and cultural aspects of being male**
16 **or female.**

17 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "gender reassignment surgery"**



1 means any medical or surgical service that seeks to surgically alter
 2 or remove healthy physical or anatomical characteristics or
 3 features that are typical for the individual's sex, in order to instill
 4 or create physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble
 5 a sex different from the individual's sex, including genital gender
 6 reassignment surgery or nongenital gender reassignment surgery
 7 knowingly performed for the purpose of assisting an individual
 8 with a gender transition.

9 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "gender transition" means the
 10 process in which an individual shifts from identifying with and
 11 living as a gender that corresponds to his or her sex to identifying
 12 with and living as a gender different from his or her sex, and may
 13 involve social, legal, or physical changes.

14 Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "gender transition
 15 procedures" means any medical or surgical service, including
 16 physician's services, inpatient and outpatient hospital services, or
 17 prescribed drugs related to gender transition, that seeks to:

- 18 (1) alter or remove physical or anatomical characteristics or
 19 features that are typical for the individual's sex; or
 20 (2) instill or create physiological or anatomical characteristics
 21 that resemble a sex different from the individual's sex,
 22 including medical services that provide puberty blocking
 23 drugs, cross sex hormones, or other mechanisms to promote
 24 the development of feminizing or masculinizing features in the
 25 opposite sex, or genital gender reassignment surgery or
 26 nongenital gender reassignment surgery knowingly
 27 performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a
 28 gender transition.

29 (b) The term does not include the following:

- 30 (1) Services to an individual born with a medically verifiable
 31 disorder of sex development, including an individual with:
 32 (A) external sex characteristics that are irresolvably
 33 ambiguous;
 34 (B) forty-six (46) XX chromosomes with virilization;
 35 (C) forty-six (46) XY chromosomes with undervirilization;
 36 or
 37 (D) both ovarian and testicular tissue.
 38 (2) Services provided when a physician has diagnosed a
 39 disorder of sexual development that the physician has
 40 determined through genetic or biochemical testing that the
 41 individual does not have normal sex chromosome structure,
 42 sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone



- 1 **action.**
- 2 **(3) The treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or disorder**
- 3 **that has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of**
- 4 **gender transition procedures.**
- 5 **(4) Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers**
- 6 **from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness**
- 7 **that would, as certified by a physician, place the individual in**
- 8 **imminent danger of death or impairment of major bodily**
- 9 **function unless surgery is performed.**
- 10 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "genital gender reassignment**
- 11 **surgery" means a medical procedure knowingly performed for the**
- 12 **purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition,**
- 13 **including the following:**
- 14 **(1) Surgical procedures, including a penectomy, orchiectomy,**
- 15 **vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, or vulvoplasty for a male sex**
- 16 **patient or hysterectomy or ovariectomy for a female sex**
- 17 **patient.**
- 18 **(2) Reconstruction of the fixed part of the urethra with or**
- 19 **without a metoidioplasty.**
- 20 **(3) Phalloplasty, vaginectomy, scrotoplasty, or implantation**
- 21 **of erection or testicular prostheses for a female sex patient.**
- 22 **Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "minor" means an individual**
- 23 **who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.**
- 24 **Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "nongenital gender reassignment**
- 25 **surgery" means medical procedures knowingly performed for the**
- 26 **purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition,**
- 27 **including the following:**
- 28 **(1) Surgical procedures for a male sex patient, including**
- 29 **augmentation mammoplasty, facial feminization surgery,**
- 30 **liposuction, lipofilling, voice surgery, thyroid cartilage**
- 31 **reduction, gluteal augmentation, hair reconstruction, or**
- 32 **associated aesthetic procedures.**
- 33 **(2) Surgical procedures for a female sex patient, including**
- 34 **subcutaneous mastectomy, voice surgery, liposuction,**
- 35 **lipofilling, pectoral implants, or associated aesthetic**
- 36 **procedures.**
- 37 **Sec. 9. As used in this chapter, "physician" means an individual**
- 38 **who is licensed under IC 25-22.5.**
- 39 **Sec. 10. As used in this chapter, "practitioner" means an**
- 40 **individual who provides health services and holds:**
- 41 **(1) an unlimited license, certificate, or registration;**
- 42 **(2) a limited or probationary license, certificate, or**



1 registration;
 2 (3) a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit;
 3 (4) an intern permit; or
 4 (5) a provisional license;
 5 issued by a board regulating the profession in question.

6 Sec. 11. As used in this chapter, "puberty blocking drugs"
 7 means:

8 (1) gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues or other
 9 synthetic drugs used in a male sex individual to stop
 10 luteinizing hormone secretion and testosterone secretion; or
 11 (2) synthetic drugs used in a female sex individual that stop
 12 the production of estrogens and progesterone;
 13 when used to delay or suppress pubertal development in a minor
 14 for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition.

15 Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "sex" means the biological state
 16 of being male or female, based on the individual's sex organs,
 17 chromosomes, and endogenous hormone profiles.

18 Sec. 13. (a) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), a
 19 physician or other practitioner may not knowingly provide gender
 20 transition procedures to a minor.

21 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a physician or other
 22 practitioner may not refer a minor to any practitioner for gender
 23 transition procedures.

24 (c) This section does not prohibit a physician or other
 25 practitioner from providing any of the following procedures to a
 26 minor:

27 (1) Services to individuals born with a medically verifiable
 28 disorder of sex development, including an individual with
 29 external biological sex characteristics that are irresolvably
 30 ambiguous, including individuals born with forty-six (46) XX
 31 chromosomes with virilization, born with forty-six (46) XY
 32 chromosomes with undervirilization, or having both ovarian
 33 and testicular tissue.

34 (2) Services provided when a physician has diagnosed a
 35 disorder of sexual development that the physician has
 36 determined through genetic or biochemical testing that the
 37 individual does not have normal sex chromosome structure,
 38 sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone
 39 action.

40 (3) The treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or disorder
 41 that has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of
 42 gender transition procedures.



1 **(4) Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers**
2 **from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness**
3 **that would, as certified by a physician, place the individual in**
4 **imminent danger of death or impairment of major bodily**
5 **function unless surgery is performed.**

6 **(d) A physician may continue to prescribe to an individual, who**
7 **was taking a cross sex hormone on June 30, 2023, as part of a**
8 **gender transition procedure, cross sex hormones until December**
9 **31, 2023. This subsection expires January 1, 2024.**

10 **Sec. 14. Health care services furnished in the following**
11 **situations may not include gender transition procedures to a**
12 **minor:**

13 **(1) By or in a health care facility owned by the state, a county,**
14 **or a municipality.**

15 **(2) By a physician or other practitioner employed by state,**
16 **county, or local government.**

17 **Sec. 15. Any referral for or provision of gender transition**
18 **procedures by a practitioner for a minor is a violation of standards**
19 **of practice under IC 25-1-9 and is subject to discipline by the board**
20 **regulating the practitioner.**

21 **Sec. 16. A person may assert an actual or threatened violation**
22 **of this chapter as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative**
23 **proceeding and may seek to obtain compensatory damages,**
24 **injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or any other appropriate relief.**

25 **Sec. 17. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), an**
26 **individual must bring a claim for a violation of this chapter not**
27 **more two (2) years after the day the cause of action accrues.**

28 **(b) A minor, through a parent, guardian, custodian, or next**
29 **friend, may bring an action for a violation of this chapter.**

30 **(c) If an individual was less than eighteen (18) years of age when**
31 **the cause of action for a violation of this chapter accrued, when the**
32 **individual is eighteen (18) years of age or older, the individual may**
33 **bring a cause of action at any time until the individual reaches**
34 **thirty-eight (38) years of age.**

35 **Sec. 18. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, an action under this**
36 **chapter may be commenced, and relief may be granted, in a**
37 **judicial proceeding without regard to whether the person**
38 **commencing the action has sought or exhausted available**
39 **administrative remedies.**

40 **(b) In an action or proceeding to enforce a provision of this**
41 **chapter, a prevailing party who establishes a violation of this**
42 **chapter is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees.**



1 **Sec. 19. (a) The attorney general may investigate and bring an**
2 **action to enforce compliance with this chapter.**

3 **(b) Nothing in this chapter denies, impairs, or affects any right**
4 **or authority of the attorney general or any agency, officer, or**
5 **employee of the state acting under any law to institute or intervene**
6 **in any proceeding.**

