

SENATE BILL No. 479

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-1-23.

Synopsis: Transportation of minor for prohibited procedures. Makes assisting a child in procuring a gender transition procedure a Level 6 felony.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.



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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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-46-1-23 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2025]: **Sec. 23. (a) This section does not apply to the following:**
4 (1) **The parent or guardian of an unemancipated child, if the**
5 **parent or guardian is authorized to make health care**
6 **decisions for the unemancipated child.**
7 (2) **A person who has the written consent of a person**
8 **described in subdivision (1).**
9 (3) **A person who assists an unemancipated child for the**
10 **purpose of obtaining a medical diagnosis.**
11 (4) **A common carrier (as defined in IC 8-2.1-17-4) that is**
12 **transporting passengers for hire in the course and scope of its**
13 **business.**
14 **(b) As used in this section, "assists" means to provide:**
15 **(1) lodging;**
16 **(2) shelter;**
17 **(3) transportation; or**



- 1 **(4) money.**
- 2 **(c) As used in this section, "gender transition procedure" has**
- 3 **the meaning set forth in IC 25-1-22-5.**
- 4 **(d) A person at least eighteen (18) years of age who:**
- 5 **(1) with the intent to aid an unemancipated child in procuring**
- 6 **a gender transition procedure; and**
- 7 **(2) with the intent to conceal the gender transition procedure**
- 8 **from the child's parent or guardian;**
- 9 **assists the unemancipated child in connection with the procuring**
- 10 **of a gender transition procedure, commits unlawfully aiding a**
- 11 **child in procuring a gender transition procedure, a Level 6 felony.**
- 12 **(e) It is not a defense to a prosecution under this section that the**
- 13 **child consented to the gender transition procedure.**

