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## SENATE BILL No. 480

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**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1.

**Synopsis:** Gender transition procedures for minors. Prohibits a physician or other practitioner from: (1) knowingly providing gender transition procedures to an individual who is less than 18 years of age (minor); and (2) aiding or abetting another physician or practitioner in the provision of gender transition procedures to a minor. Specifies certain medical exceptions. Establishes civil enforcement actions.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 19, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.  
February 23, 2023, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

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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, "gender" means the**  
6 **psychological, behavioral, social, and cultural aspects of being male**  
7 **or female.**  
8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "gender reassignment surgery"**  
9 **means any medical or surgical service that seeks to surgically alter**  
10 **or remove healthy physical or anatomical characteristics or**  
11 **features that are typical for the individual's sex, in order to instill**  
12 **or create physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble**  
13 **a sex different from the individual's sex, including genital gender**  
14 **reassignment surgery or nongenital gender reassignment surgery**  
15 **knowingly performed for the purpose of assisting an individual**  
16 **with a gender transition.**  
17 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "gender transition" means the**

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1 process in which an individual shifts from identifying with and  
 2 living as a gender that corresponds to his or her sex to identifying  
 3 with and living as a gender different from his or her sex, and may  
 4 involve social, legal, or physical changes.

5 Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "gender transition hormone  
 6 therapy" means:

- 7 (1) testosterone;
- 8 (2) estrogen; or
- 9 (3) progesterone;

10 given to an individual in an amount greater than would normally  
 11 be produced endogenously in a healthy individual of that  
 12 individual's age and sex.

13 Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "gender transition  
 14 procedures" means any medical or surgical service, including  
 15 physician's services, practitioner's services, inpatient and  
 16 outpatient hospital services, or prescribed drugs related to gender  
 17 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, gender transition hormone therapy, or genital gender  
 24 reassignment surgery or nongenital gender reassignment  
 25 surgery knowingly performed for the purpose of assisting an  
 26 individual with a gender transition.

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

- 28 (1) Medical or surgical services to an individual born with a  
 29 medically verifiable disorder of sex development, including an  
 30 individual with:
  - 31 (A) external sex characteristics that are irresolvably  
 32 ambiguous;
  - 33 (B) forty-six (46) XX chromosomes with virilization;
  - 34 (C) forty-six (46) XY chromosomes with undervirilization;
  - 35 or
  - 36 (D) both ovarian and testicular tissue.

37 (2) Medical or surgical services provided when a physician or  
 38 practitioner has diagnosed a disorder or condition of sexual  
 39 development that the physician or practitioner 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



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- action.
- (3) The treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or disorder that has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of gender transition procedures.
- (4) Any medical or surgical service undertaken because the individual suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician or practitioner, place the individual in imminent danger of death or impairment of major bodily function unless the medical or surgical service is performed.
- (5) Mental health or social services other than gender transition procedures as defined in subsection (a).
- (6) Services for a disorder or condition of sexual development that is unrelated to a diagnosis of gender dysphoria or gender identity disorder.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "genital gender reassignment surgery" means a medical procedure knowingly performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition, including the following:

- (1) Surgical procedures, including a penectomy, orchiectomy, vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, or vulvoplasty for a male sex patient or hysterectomy or ovariectomy for a female sex patient.
- (2) Reconstruction of the fixed part of the urethra with or without a metoidioplasty.
- (3) Phalloplasty, vaginectomy, scrotoplasty, or implantation of erection or testicular prostheses for a female sex patient.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "minor" means an individual who is less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "nongenital gender reassignment surgery" means medical procedures knowingly performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition, including the following:

- (1) Surgical procedures for a male sex patient, including augmentation mammoplasty, facial feminization surgery, liposuction, lipofilling, voice surgery, thyroid cartilage reduction, gluteal augmentation, hair reconstruction, or associated aesthetic procedures.
- (2) Surgical procedures for a female sex patient, including subcutaneous mastectomy, voice surgery, liposuction, lipofilling, pectoral implants, or associated aesthetic procedures.



1           **Sec. 9.** As used in this chapter, "physician" means an individual  
2 who is licensed under IC 25-22.5.

3           **Sec. 10.** As used in this chapter, "practitioner" means an  
4 individual who provides health services and holds:

- 5           (1) an unlimited license, certificate, or registration;  
6           (2) a limited or probationary license, certificate, or  
7 registration;  
8           (3) a temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit;  
9           (4) an intern permit; or  
10          (5) a provisional license;

11 issued by a board regulating the profession in question.

12          **Sec. 11.** As used in this chapter, "puberty blocking drugs"  
13 means:

- 14          (1) gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues or other  
15 synthetic drugs used to stop luteinizing hormone and follicle  
16 stimulating hormone secretion; or  
17          (2) synthetic antiandrogen drugs used to block the androgen  
18 receptor;

19 when used for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender  
20 transition.

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

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

27          (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a physician or other  
28 practitioner may not aid or abet another physician or practitioner  
29 in the provision of gender transition procedures to a minor.

30          (c) This section does not prohibit a physician or other  
31 practitioner from providing any of the following to a minor:

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



1 sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production,  
2 or sex steroid hormone action.

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

6 (4) Any medical or surgical service undertaken because the  
7 individual suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or  
8 physical illness that would, as certified by a physician or  
9 practitioner, place the individual in imminent danger of death  
10 or impairment of major bodily function unless the medical or  
11 surgical service is performed.

12 (d) A physician or practitioner within the practitioner's scope  
13 of practice may continue to prescribe to an individual, who was  
14 taking a gender transition hormone therapy on June 30, 2023, as  
15 part of a gender transition procedure, gender transition hormone  
16 therapy until December 31, 2023. This subsection expires January  
17 1, 2024.

18 Sec. 14. Health care services furnished in the following  
19 situations may not include gender transition procedures to a  
20 minor:

21 (1) By or in a health care facility owned by the state, a county,  
22 or a municipality.

23 (2) By a physician or other practitioner employed by state,  
24 county, or local government.

25 Sec. 15. A physician or practitioner that takes any action that  
26 aids or abets another physician or practitioner in the provision of  
27 gender transition procedures for a minor violates the standards of  
28 practice under IC 25-1-9 and is subject to discipline by the board  
29 regulating the physician or practitioner.

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

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

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

39 (c) If an individual was less than eighteen (18) years of age when  
40 the cause of action for a violation of this chapter accrued, when the  
41 individual is eighteen (18) years of age or older, the individual may  
42 bring a cause of action at any time until the individual reaches



1 twenty-eight (28) years of age.

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

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

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

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





## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 480, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 5 through 13.

Page 1, line 14, delete "2." and insert "1."

Page 1, line 17, delete "3." and insert "2."

Page 2, line 9, delete "4." and insert "3."

Page 2, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "gender transition hormone therapy" means:**

**(1) testosterone;**

**(2) estrogen; or**

**(3) progesterone;**

**given to an individual in an amount greater than would normally be produced endogenously in a healthy individual of that individual's age and sex."**

Page 2, line 16, delete "physician's services," and insert **"physician's services, practitioner's services,"**.

Page 2, delete lines 23 through 24.

Page 2, line 25, delete "opposite sex," and insert **"drugs, gender transition hormone therapy,"**.

Page 2, line 30, delete "Services" and insert **"Medical or surgical services"**.

Page 2, line 38, delete "Services" and insert **"Medical or surgical services"**.

Page 2, line 38, after "physician" insert **"or practitioner"**.

Page 2, line 39, after "disorder" insert **"or condition"**.

Page 2, line 39, after "physician" insert **"or practitioner"**.

Page 3, line 5, delete "procedure" and insert **"medical or surgical service"**.

Page 3, line 7, delete "physician," and insert **"physician or practitioner,"**.

Page 3, line 9, delete "surgery" and insert **"the medical or surgical service"**.

Page 3, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(5) Mental health or social services other than gender transition procedures as defined in subsection (a).**



**(6) Services for a disorder or condition of sexual development that is unrelated to a diagnosis of gender dysphoria or gender identity disorder."**

Page 4, line 9, delete "in a male sex individual".

Page 4, line 10, delete "secretion and testosterone" and insert "**and follicle stimulating hormone**".

Page 4, delete lines 11 through 14, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(2) synthetic antiandrogen drugs used to block the androgen receptor; when used for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition."**

Page 4, line 22, delete "refer a minor to any practitioner for gender" and insert "**aid or abet another physician or practitioner in the provision of gender transition procedures to a minor.**".

Page 4, delete line 23.

Page 4, line 25, delete "procedures".

Page 4, line 34, after "physician" insert "**or practitioner**".

Page 4, line 35, after "physician" insert "**or practitioner**".

Page 5, line 1, delete "procedure" and insert "**medical or surgical service**".

Page 5, line 3, delete "physician," and insert "**physician or practitioner,**".

Page 5, line 5, delete "surgery" and insert "**the medical or surgical service**".

Page 5, line 6, after "physician" insert "**or practitioner within the practitioner's scope of practice**".

Page 5, line 7, delete "cross sex hormone" and insert "**gender transition hormone therapy**".

Page 5, line 8, delete "cross sex hormones" and insert "**gender transition hormone therapy**".

Page 5, delete lines 17 through 20, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 15. A physician or practitioner that takes any action that aids or abets another physician or practitioner in the provision of gender transition procedures for a minor violates the standards of practice under IC 25-1-9 and is subject to discipline by the board regulating the physician or practitioner."**

Page 5, line 34, delete "thirty-eight (38)" and insert "**twenty-eight (28)**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.



(Reference is to SB 480 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3.

