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S. 2785

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for gender transition in minors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Our Kids
5 from Harmful Research Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
7 **GENDER TRANSITION IN MINORS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
9 sion of law, no Federal funds may be used to fund re-
10 search or publications relating to gender transition in indi-

1 viduals under the age of 18, including any observational
2 studies that gather evidence on the provision of hormonal
3 treatments or surgical procedures on minors, for the pur-
4 pose of—

5 (1) affirming a minor’s perception of his or her
6 sex, if that perception is incongruent with such mi-
7 nor’s sex; or

8 (2) affirming a minor’s asserted identity, if the
9 asserted identity is incongruent with such minor’s
10 sex.

11 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
12 term “sex” shall be recognized based solely on a person’s
13 reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

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