

HOUSE BILL No. 1525

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.

Borders

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



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

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.**

