

HB 2649 -- GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES

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This bill establishes the "Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act".

This bill specifies that, a physician or other health care professional cannot provide gender transition procedures to any individual under 18 years of age or refer the individual to any health care professional for gender transition procedures.

A physician can perform the following procedures that are not gender transition procedures to an individual under 18 years of age:

- (1) Services to individuals born with a medically verifiable disorder of sex development including, but not limited to, an individual with external biological sex characteristics that are irresolvably ambiguous, such as those born with 46 XX chromosomes with virilization, 46 XY chromosomes with undervirilization, or having both ovarian and testicular tissue.
- (2) Services provided when a physician has otherwise diagnosed an individual with a disorder of sexual development and determined through genetic or biochemical testing that the individual does not have normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone 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 regardless of whether the gender transition procedure was performed in accordance with state and federal law or whether funding for the gender transition procedure is permissible in accordance with the bill. Public funds shall not be directly or indirectly used, granted, paid, or distributed to any individual, entity, or organization that provides gender transition procedures to an individual under 18 years of age.
- (4) Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the individual in imminent danger of death or impairment of a major bodily function unless surgery is performed.

Gender transition procedures can not be performed by a physician or other health care professional employed by the state, county, or local government and the procedures can not be performed at a health care facility owned by the state, county, or local

government.

Anyone who violates the provisions of this bill can be subject of civil and administrative actions.

A health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, shall not include reimbursement for gender transition procedures for an individual under 18 years of age. A health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2023, shall not be required to provide coverage for gender transition procedures.