

HB 1519 -- RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAL TREATMENTS

SPONSOR: Hudson

This bill prohibits any health care institution or professional from being required to perform or participate in any medical procedures related to sex reassignment surgery or gender identity transitioning if such procedures are contrary to the institution's or professional's moral, ethical, or religious beliefs.

No cause of action shall accrue against any medical professional that refuses to participate in such procedures based on the reasoning explained above. No person or institution shall be denied or discriminated against in the receipt of any public benefit or subject to any adverse action related to hiring or advancement on the grounds that the person or institution refuses to participate in such procedures.

A person who violates the provisions of this bill will be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other form of redress, and a prevailing party who establishes a violation of the rights established by this bill shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.

These provisions shall not be construed to allow any person to deny visitation, recognition of a designated representative for health care decision-making, or emergency medical treatment necessary to cure an illness or injury as required by law in accordance with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 521395dd, in effect on January 1, 2024.

This bill is similar to HB 1157 (2023).