

HCS HBs 2033, 1608, 1672 & 1854 -- GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES

SPONSOR: Schmidt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 9 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 9 to 3.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HBs 2033, 1608, 1672, & 1854.

Currently, a health care provider must not knowingly prescribe or administer cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs for the purpose of a gender transition for any individual under 18 years of age.

This bill repeals the expiration date for the prohibition.

This bill specifies that after March 1, 2027, prescriptions for cross-sex hormones or puberty-blocking drugs that were given to individuals under 18 years old for the purpose of assisting the individual with a gender transition prior to August 28, 2023, will no longer be considered valid.

This bill is similar to HB 1038 (2025).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the underlying goal of the bill is to protect vulnerable victims who are unable to adequately defend themselves, like children. Gender transition is a scientifically unsupported medical experiment that is being conducted on the public. Supporters further state that most of the evidence provided by the pro-trans movement has been debunked, and that legal rulings from around the world have upheld the idea that medical transitions are very harmful to children, who end up with life long medical problems. Supporters state that these treatments prevent actual gay and lesbian children from developing into gay and lesbian adults.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Schmidt; Liberty Link Missouri; Do No Harm Action; Missouri Catholic Conference; and State Rep. Robin Lundstrum, AR District 18.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that when a child experiences gender dysphoria, that child should not be turned away by the medical establishment for political reasons. Medical practitioners need to have the ability to care for their patients and provide necessary treatment. Opponents further state that this bill targets a small number of adolescents who need things like puberty blockers based on their individual needs. As a result, more and more people will flee Missouri so that they can find proper medical care elsewhere. Opponents state that a clear message is being sent to children who wish to transition that they are unimportant or unseen.

Testifying in person against the bill were Suzanne McGinnis; Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action; Abortion Action Missouri; Abby Ellison Land; Dava-Leigh Brush, Missouri Equity Education Partnership; Nicholas Tatum; Samantha Jones; American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri; Abby Ellison Land; Brandon Barthel; Cammie Storm; Candice N. Moran, Psy. D.; David Morse; Eleanor Desprez; Elijah Anthony; Jennifer Pepper; Kate Robbins; Keith L. Brown, Trans Liberation Columbia; Lear Rose; Michael Walk; Rebecca Hormuth; Rhiannon Trask; Stevie Miller; Thomas Love; Mid-Missouri Fellowship of Reconciliation; Kelly Storck; and Dean Anderson.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.