Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

	CHAMBER ACTION
	<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
1	Representative Fine offered the following:
2	
3	Amendment (with title amendment)
4	Remove lines 83-370 and insert:
5	being subjected to gender clinical interventions, as defined in
6	<u>s. 456.52(1)</u> .
7	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 61.534, Florida
8	Statutes, is amended to read:
9	61.534 Warrant to take physical custody of child
10	(1) Upon the filing of a petition seeking enforcement of a
11	child custody determination, the petitioner may file a verified
12	application for the issuance of a warrant to take physical
13	custody of the child if the child is likely to imminently suffer
	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 1 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

14	serious physical harm or removal from this state. <u>Serious</u>
15	physical harm includes, but is not limited to, being subjected
16	to gender clinical interventions, as defined in s. 456.52(1).
17	Section 3. Section 381.991, Florida Statutes, is created
18	to read:
19	381.991 Public expenditures for gender clinical
20	interventions; prohibitionA state agency, political
21	subdivision, public postsecondary institution as defined in
22	1000.04, or person providing services to or on behalf of any
23	such agency, subdivision, or institution by contract or other
24	agreement or relationship, may not expend funds to provide or
25	reimburse for gender clinical interventions as defined in s.
26	456.52(1).
27	Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added subsection (1) of
28	section 382.016, Florida Statutes, read:
29	382.016 Amendment of recordsThe department, upon receipt
30	of the fee prescribed in s. 382.0255; documentary evidence, as
31	specified by rule, of any misstatement, error, or omission
32	occurring in any birth, death, or fetal death record; and an
33	affidavit setting forth the changes to be made, shall amend or
34	replace the original certificate as necessary.
35	(1) CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH AMENDMENT
36	(f) The sex recorded on a birth certificate must be the
37	person's biological sex at birth. The sex recorded on the birth
38	certificate may only be changed in the case of a scrivener's
2	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 2 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

39 error or in the case of a person born with external biological 40 sex characteristics that were unresolvably ambiguous at the time 41 of birth. The sex recorded on a birth certificate may not be changed for the purpose of affirming a person's perception of 42 43 his or her sex if that perception is inconsistent with the person's sex at birth. The department may change the sex 44 recorded on a birth certificate under this paragraph upon the 45 written request of a health care practitioner, as defined in s. 46 47 456.001, stating and providing evidence establishing the basis for the correction. Misrepresenting or providing fraudulent 48 49 evidence in such a request is grounds for disciplinary action 50 under s. 456.072 and any applicable practice act. 51 Section 5. Paragraphs (c) through (gg) of subsection (5) 52 of section 456.074, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as 53 paragraphs (d) through (hh), respectively, and a new paragraph 54 (c) is added to that subsection, to read: 55 456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate suspension of license.-56 57 The department shall issue an emergency order (5) 58 suspending the license of any health care practitioner who is arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring 59 to commit any act that would constitute a violation of any of 60 61 the following criminal offenses in this state or similar 62 offenses in another jurisdiction: (c) Section 456.52(6), relating to providing gender 63 256341 Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 3 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

64	clinical interventions to a minor.
65	Section 6. Section 456.52, Florida Statutes, is created to
66	read:
67	456.52 Prohibition on gender clinical interventions for
68	minors; physician requirements.—
69	(1) For the purposes of this section, "gender clinical
70	interventions" means procedures or therapies that alter internal
71	or external physical traits for the purpose of affirming a
72	person's perception of his or her sex if that perception is
73	inconsistent with the person's sex at birth.
74	(a) The term includes, but is not limited to:
75	1. Sex reassignment surgeries or any other surgical
76	procedures that alter primary or secondary sexual
77	characteristics.
78	2. Puberty blocking, hormone, and hormone antagonistic
79	therapies.
80	(b) The term does not include:
81	1. Treatment provided by a physician who, in his or her
82	good faith clinical judgment, performs procedures upon, or
83	provides therapies to, a minor born with a medically verifiable
84	genetic disorder of sexual development, including the following:
85	a. External biological sex characteristics that are
86	unresolvably ambiguous.
87	b. A disorder of sexual development, in which the
88	physician has determined through genetic or biochemical testing
	l 256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 4 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

89	that the minor does not have normal sex chromosome structure,
90	sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone action
91	for a male or female.
92	2. Treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or
93	disorder caused or exacerbated by the performance of gender
94	clinical interventions regardless of whether such interventions
95	were performed in accordance with state or federal law.
96	(2)(a) Gender clinical interventions may only be provided
97	by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or a
98	physician practicing medicine or osteopathic medicine in the
99	employment of the Federal Government.
100	(b) A physician may not provide gender clinical
101	interventions to a minor, except that a minor who was prescribed
102	gender clinical interventions described in (1)(a)2. on or before
103	January 1, 2023, and continuously received such therapies
104	through July 1, 2023, may continue to receive such therapies
105	through December 31, 2023, solely for the purpose of gradual
106	discontinuation of such therapies.
107	(3) Notwithstanding ss. 458.320(5) and 459.0085(5), a
108	physician who provides gender clinical interventions for adults
109	must obtain and maintain professional liability coverage in the
110	amounts established in ss. 458.320(2)(b) and 459.0085(2)(b), as
111	applicable.
112	(4)(a) A physician must, while physically present in the
113	same room as an adult patient, obtain informed written consent
	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 5 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

114	from the patient each time the physician provides gender
115	clinical interventions. The physician must sign the consent and
116	maintain the consent in the medical record. The patient must
117	sign the informed consent acknowledging that the physician has
118	sufficiently explained its content. The physician must use an
119	informed consent form adopted in rule by the Board of Medicine
120	and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which must include, at a
121	minimum, information related to the current state of research
122	<u>of:</u>
123	1. The long-term and short-term effects of gender clinical
124	interventions.
125	2. The impact of gender clinical interventions on physical
126	and mental health.
127	(b) The Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic
128	Medicine, as applicable, shall adopt emergency rules to
129	implement this section.
130	(c) Any emergency rules adopted under this section are
131	exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c) and shall remain in effect until
132	replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency rulemaking
133	procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act.
134	(5) A board, or the department if there is no board, must
135	revoke the license of a health care practitioner if the board,
136	or the department if there is no board, determines that the
137	health care practitioner violated this section.
138	(6)(a) A health care practitioner who willfully or
	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 6 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

139	actively participates in a violation of (2)(b) commits a felony
140	of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
141	775.083, or s. 775.084.
142	(b) A health care practitioner who willfully or actively
143	participates in a violation of (4)(a) commits a misdemeanor of
144	the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
145	775.083.
146	Section 7. Section 627.6411, Florida Statutes, is created
147	to read:
148	627.6411 Coverage of certain treatmentA health insurance
149	policy may not provide coverage for gender clinical
150	interventions as defined in s. 456.52(1).
151	Section 8. Subsection (48) is added to section 641.31,
152	Florida Statutes, to read:
153	641.31 Health maintenance contracts
154	(48) A health maintenance contract may not include
155	coverage for gender clinical interventions as defined in s.
156	456.52(1).
157	Section 9. Section 766.318, Florida Statutes, is created
158	to read:
159	766.318 Gender clinical interventions; liability
160	(1) A physician who provides gender clinical
161	interventions, as defined in s. 456.52, to a person is liable to
162	the person for any physical, psychological, emotional, or
163	physiological injury resulting from the gender clinical
	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 7 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

164	intervention.
165	(2) A person who receives a gender clinical intervention
166	from a physician may bring a civil action against such
167	practitioner in a court of competent jurisdiction for:
168	(a) Declaratory or injunctive relief.
169	(b) Economic damages.
170	(c) Noneconomic damages.
171	(d) Punitive damages.
172	(e) Attorney fees and costs.
173	(3) In an action brought under this section, the
174	limitations on punitive damages in s. 768.73, or any other
175	provision of law that seeks to limit punitive damages, do not
176	apply.
177	(4) The estate of, or a legal guardian on behalf of, a
178	person who received a gender clinical intervention from a
179	physician, when the death of that person was caused by such
180	gender clinical intervention, may bring a civil action against
181	such practitioner in a court of competent jurisdiction for all
182	of the following:
183	(a) All remedies available under subsection (2).
184	(b) All remedies available under s. 766.102.
185	(c) Treble damages.
186	(5) Notwithstanding s. 95.11, an action brought under
187	subsection (2) must be commenced within 20 years after the date
188	of the gender clinical interventions.
2	256341
	Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 8 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

189	(6) An action brought under subsection (4) must be
190	commenced within 5 years after the date of the person's death or
191	the discovery of the person's death, whichever is later.
192	Section 10. If any provision of this act or its
193	application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
194	invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
195	this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
196	or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
197	severable.
198	
199	
200	TITLE AMENDMENT
201	Remove lines 6-67 and insert:
202	to or is threatened with being subjected to gender
203	clinical interventions; amending s. 61.534, F.S.;
204	providing that, for purposes of warrants to take
205	physical custody of a child in certain child custody
206	
200	enforcement proceedings, serious physical harm to the
207	enforcement proceedings, serious physical harm to the child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected
207	child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected
207 208	child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions; creating s. 381.991,
207 208 209	child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons and entities from
207 208 209 210	child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons and entities from expending funds for reimbursement for specified
207 208 209 210 211	child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions; creating s. 381.991, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons and entities from expending funds for reimbursement for specified clinical interventions; amending s. 382.016, F.S.;

Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 9 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

214 exception; providing for disciplinary actions; 215 amending s. 456.074, F.S.; requiring the department to 216 immediately suspend the license of a health care practitioner who is arrested for committing or 217 218 attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit 219 specified violations related to gender clinical 220 interventions for a minor; creating s. 456.52, F.S.; 221 providing a definition for the term "gender clinical 222 interventions"; prohibiting gender clinical 223 interventions for minors; providing exceptions; 224 requiring a physician to maintain specified 225 professional liability coverage; requiring a physician 226 to obtain informed written consent from a patient 227 under certain circumstances; providing requirements 228 for the informed consent form; authorizing certain 229 persons to refuse to participate in gender clinical 230 interventions; providing liability and penalties; 231 creating s. 627.6411, F.S.; prohibiting a health 232 insurance policy from providing coverage for gender 233 clinical interventions; amending s. 641.31, F.S.; 234 prohibiting a health maintenance contract from 235 including coverage for gender clinical interventions; 236 creating s. 766.318, F.S.; providing for physician 237 liability; providing penalties for injuries and wrongful death caused by gender clinical 238 256341

Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 10 of 11

Bill No. CS/SB 254, 1st Eng. (2023)

Amendment No.

239	interventions; authorizing the award of specified
240	damages and attorney fees and costs; providing statute
241	of limitations periods; providing severability;
242	providing

256341

Approved For Filing: 4/14/2023 3:48:12 PM

Page 11 of 11