

By Senator Clemens

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to sexual orientation change therapy;  
3       creating ss. 458.3166, 459.032, 490.0142, and  
4       491.0142, F.S.; defining the term "sexual orientation  
5       change therapy"; prohibiting a person who is licensed  
6       under ch. 458, ch. 459, ch. 490, or ch. 491, F.S.,  
7       from providing sexual orientation change therapy to a  
8       person who is younger than 18 years of age; providing  
9       an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13       Section 1. Section 458.3166, Florida Statutes, is created  
14 to read:

15       458.3166 Sexual orientation change therapy.-

16       (1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation  
17 change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's  
18 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to  
19 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to  
20 reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings  
21 toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include  
22 counseling:

23       (a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one  
24 gender to the other; or

25       (b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding of  
26 a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, and  
27 identity exploration and development, including sexual  
28 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful  
29 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

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30 (2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not  
31 provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is  
32 younger than 18 years of age.

33 Section 2. Section 459.032, Florida Statutes, is created to  
34 read:

35 459.032 Sexual orientation change therapy.-

36 (1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation  
37 change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's  
38 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to  
39 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to  
40 reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings  
41 toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include  
42 counseling:

43 (a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one  
44 gender to the other; or

45 (b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding of  
46 a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, and  
47 identity exploration and development, including sexual  
48 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful  
49 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

50 (2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not  
51 provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is  
52 younger than 18 years of age.

53 Section 3. Section 490.0142, Florida Statutes, is created  
54 to read:

55 490.0142 Sexual orientation change therapy.-

56 (1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation  
57 change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's  
58 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to

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59 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to  
60 reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings  
61 toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include  
62 counseling:

63 (a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one  
64 gender to the other; or

65 (b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding of  
66 a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, and  
67 identity exploration and development, including sexual  
68 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful  
69 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

70 (2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not  
71 provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is  
72 younger than 18 years of age.

73 Section 4. Section 491.0142, Florida Statutes, is created  
74 to read:

75 491.0142 Sexual orientation change therapy.-

76 (1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation  
77 change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's  
78 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to  
79 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to  
80 reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings  
81 toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include  
82 counseling:

83 (a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one  
84 gender to the other; or

85 (b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding of  
86 a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, and  
87 identity exploration and development, including sexual

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88 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful  
89 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

90 (2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not  
91 provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is  
92 younger than 18 years of age.

93 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.