

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to youth gender and sexual identity;  
 3           creating s. 456.0335, F.S.; providing a short title;  
 4           defining the term "sex"; providing criminal penalties  
 5           for health care practitioners who perform or cause to  
 6           be performed specified practices on a minor under  
 7           certain conditions; providing applicability; providing  
 8           an effective date.

9  
 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

11  
 12           Section 1. Section 456.0335, Florida Statutes, is created  
 13 to read:

14           456.0335 Vulnerable Child Protection Act.-

15           (1) This section may be cited as the "Vulnerable Child  
 16 Protection Act."

17           (2) As used in this section, the term "sex" means the  
 18 biological state of being female or male based on sex organs,  
 19 chromosomes, and endogenous hormone profiles.

20           (3) A health care practitioner who performs any of the  
 21 following practices upon a minor, or who causes such practices  
 22 to be performed upon a minor, for the purpose of attempting to  
 23 change the minor's sex or for the purpose of affirming the  
 24 minor's perception of the minor's sex if that perception is  
 25 inconsistent with the minor's sex, commits a misdemeanor of the

26 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
 27 775.083:

28 (a) Surgeries that sterilize, including castration,  
 29 vasectomy, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, metoidioplasty,  
 30 orchiectomy, penectomy, phalloplasty, and vaginoplasty;

31 (b) Mastectomy;

32 (c) Administering, prescribing, or supplying the following  
 33 medications that induce transient or permanent infertility:

34 1. Puberty-blocking medication, which stops or delays  
 35 normal puberty;

36 2. Supraphysiologic doses of testosterone, to females; or

37 3. Supraphysiologic doses of estrogen, to males; or

38 (d) Removing any otherwise healthy or nondiseased body  
 39 part or tissue.

40 (4) This section does not apply to a health care  
 41 practitioner acting in accordance with a good faith medical  
 42 decision of a parent or guardian of a minor born with a  
 43 medically verifiable genetic disorder of sex development,  
 44 including:

45 (a) External biological sex characteristics that are  
 46 unresolvably ambiguous, such as the minor being born with having  
 47 46 XX chromosomes with virilization, 46 XY chromosomes with  
 48 undervirilization, or both ovarian and testicular tissue.

49 (b) A sexual development disorder whereby a physician has  
 50 determined through genetic testing that the minor does not have

HB211

2022

51 | the normal chromosome structure for a male or a female.

52 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.