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A BILL

To enact sections 4723.93, 4731.92, 4732.34, 1
4743.09, 4757.46, and 4758.73 of the Revised 2
Code to protect minors by prohibiting certain 3
licensed health care professionals from engaging 4
in conversion therapy when treating minor 5
patients. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4723.93, 4731.92, 4732.34, 7
4743.09, 4757.46, and 4758.73 of the Revised Code be enacted to 8
read as follows: 9

Sec. 4723.93. The board of nursing shall comply with 10
section 4743.09 of the Revised Code. 11

Sec. 4731.92. The state medical board shall comply with 12
section 4743.09 of the Revised Code. 13

Sec. 4732.34. The state board of psychology shall comply 14
with section 4743.09 of the Revised Code. 15

Sec. 4743.09. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Applicant" means an individual who applies for
licensure or registration, as applicable, to practice as a
health care professional.

(2) "Conversion therapy" means the practice of seeking to
change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity,
including efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or
to reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or
feelings toward a person of the same gender.

(3) "Health care professional" means any of the following:

(a) An advanced practice registered nurse licensed under
Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who is designated as a
clinical nurse specialist;

(b) A physician authorized to practice medicine and
surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731.
of the Revised Code;

(c) A psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. of the
Revised Code;

(d) A licensed professional clinical counselor or licensed
professional counselor licensed under Chapter 4757. of the
Revised Code;

(e) An independent social worker, social worker, or social
work assistant licensed or registered under Chapter 4757. of the
Revised Code;

(f) An independent marriage and family therapist or
marriage and family therapist licensed under Chapter 4757. of
the Revised Code;

(g) An independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor, independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, or chemical dependency counselor II, licensed under Chapter 4758. of the Revised Code, or a chemical dependency counselor assistant, prevention consultant, prevention specialist I, prevention specialist assistant, or registered applicant, certified under that chapter.

(4) "Minor" means an individual who is under eighteen years of age.

(5) "State licensing board" means the board of nursing; the state medical board; the state board of psychology; the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board; or the chemical dependency professionals board.

(B) An applicant or health care professional shall not engage in conversion therapy when providing mental health treatment to a minor patient.

(C) Division (B) of this section does not prohibit any of the following that does not seek to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity:

(1) Assisting a patient who seeks to transition, is in the process of transitioning, or has transitioned from one gender to another;

(2) Providing a patient with acceptance, support, and understanding or facilitating a patient's coping, social support, or identity exploration and development;

(3) Providing a patient with sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

(D) A state licensing board shall impose one or more of 71
the following sanctions on an applicant or health care 72
professional for a failure to comply with this section: suspend, 73
revoke, or refuse to issue or renew the license or certificate 74
of registration. 75

Sec. 4757.46. The counselor, social worker, and marriage 76
and family therapist board shall comply with section 4743.09 of 77
the Revised Code. 78

Sec. 4758.73. The chemical dependency professionals board 79
shall comply with section 4743.09 of the Revised Code. 80