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## **SB 1702**

Introduced by  
Senator Wadsack: Representatives Jones, McGarr

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-3230, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-3230, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-3230. Prohibition of permanent gender reassignment surgery  
5 for minors; prohibition on referring for or  
6 providing hormone therapy for minors; definitions

7 A. A physician may not provide ~~irreversible~~ PERMANENT gender  
8 reassignment surgery to any individual who is under eighteen years of age.  
9 A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MAY NOT MAKE A REFERRAL FOR OR PROVIDE CROSS-SEX  
10 HORMONES OR PUBERTY-BLOCKING DRUGS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN  
11 YEARS OF AGE.

12 B. A physician may provide any of the following to an individual  
13 who is under eighteen years of age:

14 1. Services to an individual born with a medically verifiable  
15 disorder of sex development, including an individual with external  
16 biological sex characteristics that are irresolvably ambiguous, such as  
17 being born with forty-six XX chromosomes with virilization or forty-six  
18 XY chromosomes with undervirilization or having both ovarian and  
19 testicular tissue.

20 2. Services ~~provided~~ when a physician has otherwise diagnosed a  
21 disorder of sexual development and has determined through genetic or  
22 biochemical testing that the individual does not have normal sex  
23 chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production or sex steroid  
24 hormone action.

25 3. The treatment of any infection, injury, disease or disorder that  
26 has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of gender transition  
27 procedures, whether or not the gender transition procedure was performed  
28 in accordance with state and federal law.

29 4. Any procedure undertaken because the individual suffers from a  
30 physical disorder, physical injury or physical illness that would, as  
31 certified by a physician, place the individual in imminent danger of death  
32 or impairment of major bodily function unless surgery is performed.

33 C. For the purposes of this section:

34 1. "Biological sex" means the biological indication of male and  
35 female in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, such as sex  
36 chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads and nonambiguous  
37 internal and external genitalia present at birth, without regard to an  
38 individual's psychological, chosen or subjective experience of gender.

39 2. "CROSS-SEX HORMONES" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

40 (a) TESTOSTERONE OR OTHER ANDROGENS GIVEN TO BIOLOGICAL FEMALES IN  
41 AMOUNTS THAT ARE LARGER OR MORE POTENT THAN WOULD NORMALLY OCCUR NATURALLY  
42 IN HEALTHY BIOLOGICAL SEX FEMALES.

43 (b) ESTROGEN GIVEN TO BIOLOGICAL MALES IN AMOUNTS THAT ARE LARGER  
44 OR MORE POTENT THAN WOULD NORMALLY OCCUR NATURALLY IN HEALTHY BIOLOGICAL  
45 SEX MALES.

1           ~~2.~~ 3. "Gender" means the psychological, behavioral, social and  
2 cultural aspects of being male or female.

3           ~~3.~~ 4. "Gender transition" means the process in which a person goes  
4 from identifying with and living as a gender that corresponds to the  
5 person's biological sex to identifying with and living as a gender  
6 different from the person's biological sex and may involve social, legal  
7 or physical changes.

8           ~~4.~~ 5. "~~Irreversible~~ PERMANENT gender reassignment surgery" means a  
9 medical procedure performed for the purpose of assisting an individual  
10 with a gender transition, including any of the following:

11           (a) Penectomy, orchiectomy, vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty or  
12 vulvoplasty for biologically male patients or hysterectomy or ovariectomy  
13 for biologically female patients.

14           (b) Metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, vaginectomy, scrotoplasty or  
15 implantation of erection or testicular prostheses for biologically female  
16 patients.

17           (c) Augmentation mammoplasty for biologically male patients and  
18 subcutaneous mastectomy for female patients.

19           ~~5.~~ 6. "Physician" means a person who is licensed pursuant to  
20 chapter 13 or 17 of this title.

21           7. "PUBERTY-BLOCKING DRUGS" MEANS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN USED  
22 TO DELAY OR SUPPRESS PUBERTAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
23 ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A GENDER TRANSITION:

24           (a) GONADOTROPIN-RELEASING HORMONE ANALOGUES OR OTHER SYNTHETIC  
25 DRUGS USED IN BIOLOGICAL SEX MALES TO STOP LUTEINIZING HORMONE SECRETION  
26 AND TESTOSTERONE SECRETION.

27           (b) SYNTHETIC DRUGS USED IN BIOLOGICAL SEX FEMALES TO STOP THE  
28 PRODUCTION OF ESTROGENS AND PROGESTERONE.

29           Sec. 2. Effective date; purpose

30           A. This act is effective from and after March 31, 2024.

31           B. The effective date of this act is delayed so that minors in this  
32 state who are currently using puberty-blocking drugs or cross-sex hormones  
33 have time for appropriate medication tapering and discontinuation under  
34 the care of the minor's physician or other health professional.