

AN ACT

relating to prohibitions on the provision to certain children of procedures and treatments for gender transitioning, gender reassignment, or gender dysphoria and on the use of public money or public assistance to provide those procedures and treatments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 62.151, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) The child health plan may not provide coverage for services prohibited by Section 161.702 that are intended to transition a child's biological sex as determined by the child's sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous profiles.

SECTION 2. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter X to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER X. GENDER TRANSITIONING AND GENDER REASSIGNMENT

PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN

Sec. 161.701. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Child" means an individual who is younger than 18 years of age.

(2) "Health care provider" means a person other than a physician who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by this state's laws to provide or render health care or to dispense or prescribe a prescription drug in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession.

1 (3) "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program
2 established under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code.

3 (4) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice
4 medicine in this state.

5 Sec. 161.702. PROHIBITED PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITIONING
6 OR GENDER REASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS TO CERTAIN
7 CHILDREN. For the purpose of transitioning a child's biological
8 sex as determined by the sex organs, chromosomes, and endogenous
9 profiles of the child or affirming the child's perception of the
10 child's sex if that perception is inconsistent with the child's
11 biological sex, a physician or health care provider may not
12 knowingly:

13 (1) perform a surgery that sterilizes the child,
14 including:

15 (A) castration;

16 (B) vasectomy;

17 (C) hysterectomy;

18 (D) oophorectomy;

19 (E) metoidioplasty;

20 (F) orchiectomy;

21 (G) penectomy;

22 (H) phalloplasty; and

23 (I) vaginoplasty;

24 (2) perform a mastectomy;

25 (3) provide, prescribe, administer, or dispense any of
26 the following prescription drugs that induce transient or permanent
27 infertility:

1 (A) puberty suppression or blocking prescription
2 drugs to stop or delay normal puberty;

3 (B) supraphysiologic doses of testosterone to
4 females; or

5 (C) supraphysiologic doses of estrogen to males;
6 or

7 (4) remove any otherwise healthy or non-diseased body
8 part or tissue.

9 Sec. 161.703. EXCEPTIONS. (a) Section 161.702 does not
10 apply to the provision by a physician or health care provider, with
11 the consent of the child's parent or legal guardian, of:

12 (1) puberty suppression or blocking prescription
13 drugs for the purpose of normalizing puberty for a minor
14 experiencing precocious puberty; or

15 (2) appropriate and medically necessary procedures or
16 treatments to a child who:

17 (A) is born with a medically verifiable genetic
18 disorder of sex development, including:

19 (i) 46,XX chromosomes with virilization;

20 (ii) 46,XY chromosomes with
21 undervirilization; or

22 (iii) both ovarian and testicular tissue;
23 or

24 (B) does not have the normal sex chromosome
25 structure for male or female as determined by a physician through
26 genetic testing.

27 (b) Section 161.702 does not apply to the provision of a

prescription drug to a child that is otherwise prohibited by that section if:

(1) the prescription drug is part of a continuing course of treatment that the child began before June 1, 2023; and

(2) the child attended 12 or more sessions of mental health counseling or psychotherapy during a period of at least six months before the date the course of treatment described by Subdivision (1) began.

(c) A child to whom the exception under Subsection (b) applies:

(1) shall wean off the prescription drug over a period of time and in a manner that is safe and medically appropriate and that minimizes the risk of complications; and

(2) may not switch to or begin a course of treatment on another prescription drug that a physician or health care provider is prohibited from providing to the child under Section 161.702 or otherwise receive a procedure or treatment prohibited by that section.

Sec. 161.704. PROHIBITED USE OF PUBLIC MONEY. Public money may not directly or indirectly be used, granted, paid, or distributed to any health care provider, medical school, hospital, physician, or any other entity, organization, or individual that provides or facilitates the provision of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under Section 161.702.

Sec. 161.705. PROHIBITED STATE HEALTH PLAN REIMBURSEMENT. The commission may not provide Medicaid reimbursement and the child health plan program established by Chapter 62 may not provide

1 reimbursement to a physician or health care provider for provision
2 of a procedure or treatment to a child that is prohibited under
3 Section 161.702.

4 Sec. 161.706. ATTORNEY GENERAL ENFORCEMENT. (a) If the
5 attorney general has reason to believe that a person is committing,
6 has committed, or is about to commit a violation of Section 161.702,
7 the attorney general may bring an action to enforce this subchapter
8 to restrain or enjoin the person from committing, continuing to
9 commit, or repeating the violation.

10 (b) Venue for an action brought under this section is in a
11 district court of Travis County or the county where the violation
12 occurred or is about to occur.

13 SECTION 3. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended
14 by adding Subsection (pp) to read as follows:

15 (pp) The medical assistance program may not provide
16 coverage for services prohibited by Section 161.702, Health and
17 Safety Code, that are intended to transition a child's biological
18 sex as determined by the child's sex organs, chromosomes, and
19 endogenous profiles.

20 SECTION 4. Section 164.052(a), Occupations Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (a) A physician or an applicant for a license to practice
23 medicine commits a prohibited practice if that person:

24 (1) submits to the board a false or misleading
25 statement, document, or certificate in an application for a
26 license;

27 (2) presents to the board a license, certificate, or

1 diploma that was illegally or fraudulently obtained;

2 (3) commits fraud or deception in taking or passing an
3 examination;

4 (4) uses alcohol or drugs in an intemperate manner
5 that, in the board's opinion, could endanger a patient's life;

6 (5) commits unprofessional or dishonorable conduct
7 that is likely to deceive or defraud the public, as provided by
8 Section 164.053, or injure the public;

9 (6) uses an advertising statement that is false,
10 misleading, or deceptive;

11 (7) advertises professional superiority or the
12 performance of professional service in a superior manner if that
13 advertising is not readily subject to verification;

14 (8) purchases, sells, barters, or uses, or offers to
15 purchase, sell, barter, or use, a medical degree, license,
16 certificate, or diploma, or a transcript of a license, certificate,
17 or diploma in or incident to an application to the board for a
18 license to practice medicine;

19 (9) alters, with fraudulent intent, a medical license,
20 certificate, or diploma, or a transcript of a medical license,
21 certificate, or diploma;

22 (10) uses a medical license, certificate, or diploma,
23 or a transcript of a medical license, certificate, or diploma that
24 has been:

25 (A) fraudulently purchased or issued;

26 (B) counterfeited; or

27 (C) materially altered;

1 (11) impersonates or acts as proxy for another person
2 in an examination required by this subtitle for a medical license;

3 (12) engages in conduct that subverts or attempts to
4 subvert an examination process required by this subtitle for a
5 medical license;

6 (13) impersonates a physician or permits another to
7 use the person's license or certificate to practice medicine in
8 this state;

9 (14) directly or indirectly employs a person whose
10 license to practice medicine has been suspended, canceled, or
11 revoked;

12 (15) associates in the practice of medicine with a
13 person:

14 (A) whose license to practice medicine has been
15 suspended, canceled, or revoked; or

16 (B) who has been convicted of the unlawful
17 practice of medicine in this state or elsewhere;

18 (16) performs or procures a criminal abortion, aids or
19 abets in the procuring of a criminal abortion, attempts to perform
20 or procure a criminal abortion, or attempts to aid or abet the
21 performance or procurement of a criminal abortion;

22 (17) directly or indirectly aids or abets the practice
23 of medicine by a person, partnership, association, or corporation
24 that is not licensed to practice medicine by the board;

25 (18) performs an abortion on a woman who is pregnant
26 with a viable unborn child during the third trimester of the
27 pregnancy unless:

1 (A) the abortion is necessary to prevent the
2 death of the woman;

3 (B) the viable unborn child has a severe,
4 irreversible brain impairment; or

5 (C) the woman is diagnosed with a significant
6 likelihood of suffering imminent severe, irreversible brain damage
7 or imminent severe, irreversible paralysis;

8 (19) performs an abortion on an unemancipated minor
9 without the written consent of the child's parent, managing
10 conservator, or legal guardian or without a court order, as
11 provided by Section 33.003 or 33.004, Family Code, unless the
12 abortion is necessary due to a medical emergency, as defined by
13 Section 171.002, Health and Safety Code;

14 (20) otherwise performs an abortion on an
15 unemancipated minor in violation of Chapter 33, Family Code;

16 (21) performs or induces or attempts to perform or
17 induce an abortion in violation of Subchapter C, F, or G, Chapter
18 171, Health and Safety Code;

19 (22) in complying with the procedures outlined in
20 Sections 166.045 and 166.046, Health and Safety Code, wilfully
21 fails to make a reasonable effort to transfer a patient to a
22 physician who is willing to comply with a directive; ~~or~~

23 (23) performs or delegates to another individual the
24 performance of a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or
25 unconscious patient in violation of Section 167A.002, Health and
26 Safety Code; or

27 (24) performs a gender transitioning or gender

1 reassignment procedure or treatment in violation of Section
2 161.702, Health and Safety Code.

3 SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 164, Occupations Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 164.0552 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 164.0552. PROHIBITED ACTS REGARDING GENDER
6 TRANSITIONING OR GENDER REASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS ON
7 CERTAIN CHILDREN. (a) The board shall revoke the license or other
8 authorization to practice medicine of a physician who violates
9 Section 161.702, Health and Safety Code. The board shall refuse to
10 admit to examination or refuse to issue a license or renewal license
11 to a person who violates that section.

12 (b) The sanctions provided by Subsection (a) are in addition
13 to any other grounds for revocation of a license or other
14 authorization to practice medicine or for refusal to admit persons
15 to examination under this subtitle or to issue a license or renew a
16 license to practice medicine under this subtitle.

17 SECTION 6. Section 164.052, Occupations Code, as amended by
18 this Act, and Section 164.0552, Occupations Code, as added by this
19 Act, apply only to conduct that occurs on or after the effective
20 date of this Act. Conduct that occurs before the effective date of
21 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct
22 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 7. If before implementing any provision of this Act
25 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
26 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
27 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or

1 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
2 waiver or authorization is granted.

3 SECTION 8. If any provision of this Act or its application
4 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does
5 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be
6 given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to
7 this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

8 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 14 passed the Senate on April 4, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 14 passed the House, with amendments, on May 15, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 87, Nays 56, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor