STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 252

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care; prohibiting certain medical treatment for minors; providing penalty; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2607 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A person under the age of eighteen (18) years is prohibited from undergoing gender reassignment medical treatment in this state.

B. A health care professional who intentionally performs gender reassignment medical treatment on a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) years is subject to professional discipline by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, or the applicable health care professional licensing board, up to and including suspension or revocation of any license or certification required to practice.
C. “Gender reassignment medical treatment” means any health care to facilitate the transitioning of a patient’s assigned gender identity on the patient’s birth certificate, to the gender identity experienced and defined by the patient. The term shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Interventions to suppress the development of endogenous secondary sex characteristics;

2. Interventions to align the patient’s appearance or physical body with the patient’s gender identity; and

3. Interventions to alleviate symptoms of clinically significant distress resulting from gender dysphoria, as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition. The term does not include behavioral health care services, such as mental health counseling or medications to treat depression, anxiety, or similar disorders, provided the medication does not have long-term altering effects on the gender of a minor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.