

House Human Services Members,

Social workers and their clients should have the right to pursue a counseling plan that aligns with their core beliefs.

The current rule is a violation of ethics in and of itself. It denies individuals the right to seek professional treatment that lines up with their religious beliefs. It discriminates against counselors who seek to help patients - with their agreement - to reconcile with their biological sex. It allows only the “gender-affirming” counseling that supports chemical and surgical transition, both of which have had devastating ramifications for thousands of young people.

The current rule also denies the experience and existence of de-transitioners and those who identify as ex-gay. It overlooks the fact that 88% to 98% of gender dysphoric children will accept their biological sex after going through puberty, according to the fifth edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.”

The current rule actually promotes the most unethical ‘conversion therapy’ that exists: attempting to ‘convert’ a male to a female or vice versa, which is 100% impossible.

Please do not be too impressed by the professional associations that testify against this bill. Over the last several years, the entire mental health establishment has thoroughly discredited themselves by aligning with WPATH, the leader in professional guidance relating to gender identity. WPATH is a radical, far-left organization that is composed of gender activists who have a financial and ideological stake in transitioning as many young people as possible while blatantly undermining parental authority. “Expert” recommendations are rarely politically-neutral.

“Gender-affirming care” remains one of the greatest medical scandals in modern history. Social workers and their clients should have the freedom to pursue treatment that doesn’t destroy the mind and body, and therefore I urge the committee to give HB 1430 a do pass recommendation.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this important matter.

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