

Daniel McCay proposes the following substitute bill:

Sex Characteristic Change Treatment Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rex P. Shipp

Senate Sponsor: Daniel McCay

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the provision of cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers to minors.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- prohibits providing cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers to minors after a certain date.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

This bill provides revisor instructions.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-1-603.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 2 and further amended by Revisor Instructions, Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 2

REPEALS:

26B-1-239, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 507

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

The following section is affected by a revisor instruction at the end of this bill.

Section 1. Section **58-1-603.1** is amended to read:

58-1-603.1 . Hormonal transgender treatment prohibition for minors.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Cross-sex hormone treatment" means administering, prescribing, or supplying for effectuating or facilitating an individual's attempted sex change:

- 30 (i) to an individual whose biological sex at birth is female, a dose of testosterone or
 31 other androgens at levels above those normally found in an individual whose
 32 biological sex at birth is female; or
- 33 (ii) to an individual whose biological sex at birth is male, a dose of estrogen or a
 34 synthetic compound with estrogenic activity or effect at levels above those
 35 normally found in an individual whose biological sex at birth is male.
- 36 (b) "Health care provider" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-1-603.
- 37 ~~(b)~~ (c) "Hormonal transgender treatment" means the same as that term is defined in
 38 Section 58-1-603.
- 39 (d) "Minor" means the same as that term is defined in Section 58-1-603.
- 40 (2) [A] Subject to Subsection (3), a health care provider may not provide a hormonal
 41 transgender treatment to a patient who:
- 42 (a) is a minor~~[as defined in Section 58-1-603]~~; and
- 43 (b) is not diagnosed with gender dysphoria before January 28, 2023.
- 44 (3) Notwithstanding Subsection 58-1-603(3)(a), beginning on January 28, 2027, a health
 45 care provider may not provide a hormonal transgender treatment to a patient who is a
 46 minor if the patient:
- 47 (a) would be younger than 16 years old as of the effective date of this bill; or
- 48 (b) has not received cross-sex hormones as of the effective date of this bill.
- 49 (4) A health care provider who provides hormonal transgender treatment to a minor for the
 50 purpose of discontinuing treatment before January 28, 2027, may provide the treatment
 51 without obtaining a transgender treatment certification described in Section 58-1-603.
- 52 ~~(3)~~ (5) A violation of Subsection (2) or (3) is unprofessional conduct.

53 Section 2. **Repealer.**

54 This bill repeals:

55 Section **26B-1-239, Systematic medical evidence review of hormonal transgender**
 56 **treatments.**

57 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

58 This bill takes effect:

- 59 (1) except as provided in Subsection (2), May 6, 2026; or
- 60 (2) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:
- 61 (a) upon approval by the governor;
- 62 (b) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of
 63 Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

64 (c) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

65 Section 4. **Revisor instructions.**

66 The Legislature intends that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, in
67 preparing the Utah Code database for publication, to revise Section 58-1-603.1 by replacing
68 each instance of the phrase "the effective date of this bill" with the bill's actual effective date.