Representative Brady Brammer proposes the following substitute bill:

PROHIBITION OF THE PRACTICE OF CONVERSION THERAPY UPON MINORS

2019 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senators Sponsor: __________

Cosponsors:
Eric K. Hutchings
Mike Winder

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This bill enacts provisions relating to conversion therapy for minors.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
- prohibits certain health care professionals from providing conversion therapy to a minor.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None

Other Special Clauses:
None

Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
- 58-1-509, Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 58-1-509 is enacted to read:

58-1-509. Prohibition on providing conversion therapy to a minor.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Conversion therapy" means a practice or treatment that:

(i) (A) subjects a patient or client to physical discomfort through aversive treatment that causes nausea, vomiting, or other unpleasant physical sensations; or

(B) provides electric shock or other electrical therapy, including electroconvulsive therapy or transcranial magnet stimulation; and

(ii) is intended to change, eliminate, or reduce behaviors, expressions, attractions, or feelings related to a patient or client's sexual orientation or gender identity;

(b) "Health care professional" means an individual who is licensed, or an individual who provides mental health therapy as part of the individual's training for a profession that is licensed, under:

(i) Chapter 31b, Nurse Practice Act;

(ii) Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act;

(iii) Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act;

(iv) Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or

(v) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

(2) A health care professional may not provide conversion therapy to a patient or client who is younger than 18 years old.