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Representative Karianne Lisonbee proposes the following substitute bill:

PROHIBITION OF THE PRACTICE OF CONVERSION THERAPY UPON MINORS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

Senate Sponsor: _____

Cosponsors: Eric K. Hutchings
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies and enacts provisions relating to conversion therapy for minors.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits certain mental health ~~care professionals~~ therapists from providing conversion therapy to a minor ~~(.)~~;
- ▶ limits the application of the prohibition; and

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▶ makes a violation of the prohibition unprofessional conduct.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

58-60-110, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2001, Chapter 281

ENACTS:

~~{58-1-509}~~58-60-118, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section ~~{58-1-509}~~58-60-110 is amended to read:

58-60-110. Unprofessional conduct.

(1) As used in this chapter, "unprofessional conduct" includes:

(a) using or employing the services of any individual to assist a licensee in any manner not in accordance with the generally recognized practices, standards, or ethics of the profession for which the individual is licensed, or the laws of the state;

(b) failure to confine practice conduct to those acts or practices:

(i) in which the individual is competent by education, training, and experience within limits of education, training, and experience; [and]

(ii) which are within applicable scope of practice laws of this chapter; and

(c) disclosing or refusing to disclose any confidential communication under Section 58-60-114 or 58-60-509[-]; and

(d) a violation of Subsection 58-60-118(2).

(2) "Unprofessional conduct" under this chapter may be further defined by division rule.

Section 2. Section 58-60-118 is enacted to read:

~~{58-1-509}~~58-60-118. Prohibition on providing conversion therapy to a minor.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) ~~{(i)}~~ "Conversion therapy" means a practice or treatment that:

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~~(A)i~~ ~~promises a patient or client~~ claims that therapy ~~can or~~ will result in a complete and permanent ~~change~~ reversal in the patient or client's sexual orientation; ~~or~~

~~(B)ii~~ ~~leads~~ asserts that a complete and permanent change in the patient or ~~client to believe that a change in~~ client's sexual orientation is ~~likely~~.

~~(ii)~~ necessary;

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

(iv) provides electric shock or other electrical therapy, including electroconvulsive therapy or transcranial magnet stimulation.

(b) "Conversion therapy" does not mean a practice or treatment that does not seek to change a patient or client's sexual orientation or gender identity, including mental health therapy that:

~~(A)i~~ is neutral with respect to sexual orientation and gender identity;

~~(B)ii~~ provides assistance to a patient or client undergoing gender transition;

~~(C)iii~~ explores the patient or client's assumptions and goals ~~and maximizes self-determination~~ by permitting a patient or client to decide how to self-identify and live out the patient or client's sexual orientation or gender identity;

~~(D)iv~~ provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a patient or client's sexual orientation identity and gender identity, without an a priori treatment goal;

~~(E)v~~ facilitates a patient or client's ability to cope, to develop social support, and to explore or develop the patient or client's identity ~~exploration and development~~;

~~(F)vi~~ addresses unlawful, unsafe, premarital, or extramarital sexual activities in a manner that is neutral with respect to sexual orientation; ~~or~~

~~(G)vii~~ discusses with a patient or client the patient or client's moral or religious beliefs or practices ~~.~~

~~(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;~~

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

~~(v) Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act;~~

~~(2) A health care professional}; or~~

(viii) provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a patient or client's moral or religious beliefs or practices.

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

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to:

(a) a clergy member or religious counselor who is acting substantially in a pastoral or religious capacity and not in the capacity of a mental health ~~{care professional}~~ therapist; or

(b) a parent or grandparent who is a ~~{health care professional and who is acting substantially in the capacity of a}~~ mental health therapist with respect to counseling a child or grandchild of the parent or grandparent ~~{ and not in the capacity of a health care professional}~~.