

# HOUSE BILL No. 1231

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-23.6-11-4.

**Synopsis:** Ban on conversion therapy. Prohibits a mental health provider from engaging in conversion therapy with a patient less than 18 years of age, and subjects a mental health provider who violates the prohibition to disciplinary action.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-11-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 4. (a) As used in this section,**  
 4 **"conversion therapy" means any practice or treatment that seeks**  
 5 **to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity,**  
 6 **including any effort to change gender expression or to eliminate or**  
 7 **reduce sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward individuals**  
 8 **of the same gender. The term does not include counseling intended**  
 9 **to assist a person undergoing gender transition, provide**  
 10 **acceptance, support, and understanding to a person, or facilitate**  
 11 **the individual's coping, social support, or identity exploration and**  
 12 **development as long as the counseling does not seek to change the**  
 13 **individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.**

14 (b) As used in this section, "mental health provider" includes  
 15 the following:

16 (1) A psychiatrist or physician who is licensed under  
 17 IC 25-22.5.



- 1           **(2) A psychologist who is licensed under IC 25-33.**
- 2           **(3) An individual who holds a license under this article.**
- 3           **(4) A school psychologist licensed by the Indiana state board**
- 4           **of education.**
- 5           **(5) A registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse,**
- 6           **or a licensed practical nurse licensed under IC 25-23.**
- 7           **(c) A mental health provider may not engage in conversion**
- 8           **therapy with a patient less than eighteen (18) years of age.**
- 9           **(d) A mental health provider who violates this section is subject**
- 10          **to discipline under IC 25-1-9.**

