

HOUSE BILL No. 5703

July 16, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Zemke, Singh, Banks, Kandrevas, Irwin, Dianda, Roberts, Tlaib, Switalski, Townsend, Lipton, Barnett and Robinson and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled
"Mental health code,"
(MCL 330.1001 to 330.2106) by adding section 901a.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 901A. (1) A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT ENGAGE
2 IN SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE EFFORTS WITH A MINOR.

3 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE
4 EFFORTS" MEANS ANY PRACTICE BY A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL THAT
5 SEEKS TO CHANGE AN INDIVIDUAL'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION, INCLUDING, BUT
6 NOT LIMITED TO, EFFORTS TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR, GENDER IDENTITY, OR
7 GENDER EXPRESSION OR TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE SEXUAL OR ROMANTIC
8 ATTRACTIONS OR FEELINGS TOWARD AN INDIVIDUAL OF THE SAME GENDER.
9 SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE EFFORTS DO NOT INCLUDE COUNSELING FOR AN
10 INDIVIDUAL SEEKING TO TRANSITION FROM 1 GENDER TO ANOTHER,

1 COUNSELING THAT PROVIDES ACCEPTANCE, SUPPORT, OR UNDERSTANDING OF
2 AN INDIVIDUAL OR FACILITATES AN INDIVIDUAL'S COPING, SOCIAL
3 SUPPORT, OR IDENTITY EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SEXUAL
4 ORIENTATION-NEUTRAL INTERVENTION TO PREVENT OR ADDRESS UNLAWFUL
5 CONDUCT OR UNSAFE SEXUAL PRACTICES, OR COUNSELING THAT DOES NOT
6 SEEK TO CHANGE SEXUAL ORIENTATION.