

SENATE BILL NO. 284

April 24, 2019, Introduced by Senators MCMORROW, MOSS, POLEHANKI, IRWIN, HOLLIER, BULLOCK, WOJNO, BAYER, HERTEL, ANANICH, GEISS, CHANG, ALEXANDER and SANTANA and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

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 conversion therapy with a minor. A mental health professional
3 who violates this section is subject to disciplinary action and
4 licensing sanctions for unprofessional conduct as provided under
5 sections 16221 and 16226 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368,
6 MCL 333.16221 and 333.16226.

1 (2) As used in this section, "conversion therapy" means any
2 practice or treatments by a mental health professional that seek to
3 change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity,
4 including, but not limited to, efforts to change behavior or gender
5 expression or to reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions
6 or feelings toward an individual of the same gender. Conversion
7 therapy does not include counseling that provides assistance to an
8 individual undergoing a gender transition, counseling that provides
9 acceptance, support, or understanding of an individual or
10 facilitates an individual's coping, social support, or identity
11 exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral
12 intervention to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe
13 sexual practices, or counseling that does not seek to change sexual
14 orientation.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
16 after the date it is enacted into law.