

# HOUSE BILL NO. 4651

April 15, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Brabec, Rabhi, Sowerby, Sneller, Clemente, Weiss, Camilleri, Aiyash, Young, Cavanagh, Breen, Rogers, Kuppa, Morse, Puri, Tate, Stone, Bolden, Manoogian, Pohutsky, Cherry, Ellison, Cynthia Johnson, Neeley, Steenland, LaGrand, Garza, Whitsett, Scott, Liberati, Cambensy, Coleman, Tyrone Carter, O'Neal, Thanedar, Hope, Hertel, Brenda Carter, Koleszar, Brixie, Lasinski, Anthony, Sabo, Peterson, Jones, Hood, Haadsma, Steckloff, Shannon and Yancey and referred to the Committee on Families, Children, and Seniors.

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,**

1 MCL 333.16221 and 333.16226.

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

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