

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** None

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/28

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits health providers from practicing conversion therapy if recipient is under 18. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Conversion therapy (also known as reparative therapy) is psychotherapy aimed at changing a person’s sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual and is generally based on the view that homosexuality is a disorder.

In 2009, the American Psychological Association convened a task force to review the scientific data on efforts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender expression. The task force concluded there is no scientific evidence of effective or significant change.

*House Committee: 6 – 3 – 0*

*House Floor: 41 – 18 – 1*