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The job of mental health therapists is to help their clients explore their feelings, examing comorbid conditions and the client's history. Gender dysphoria is a feeling. Please see articles by psychiatrist Steven B. Levine. Levine is an expert in the treatment of gender dysphoria. He has recently given excellent expert testimony (available online) regarding schools aiding students in gender transition, providing an excellent overview of the issues surrounding transitioning people. I urge you not to pass this bill that equates exploring a client's gender dysphoria with conversion therapy.