

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS33593 / H0822

In 2023, the Idaho legislature passed H 71 banning pediatric gender mutilation. This legislation, the "Pediatric Secretive Transitions Parental Rights Act," seeks to expand upon those protections and reinforce the fundamental right of parents and guardians to oversee the medical and social upbringing of their children. The bill prohibits "covered entities"—including healthcare providers, educational institutions, and childcare providers—from facilitating a minor's medical sex transition or "social transition" without informing and obtaining the informed consent of the child's parent or guardian. Specifically, it prevents these entities from withholding information regarding a child's interest in sex transition procedures and requires schools to notify parents within 72 hours if a student requests to use different names, pronouns, or sex-separated facilities. The act establishes a civil cause of action for aggrieved parents to recover compensatory damages and authorizes the Attorney General to investigate violations, seek writs of mandamus, and levy civil penalties.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no negative impact on the state general fund.

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