1	A bill to be entitled							
2	An act relating to sexual orientation change therapy;							
3	creating ss. 458.3166, 459.032, 490.0142, and							
4	491.0142, F.S.; defining the term "sexual orientation							
5	change therapy"; prohibiting a person who is licensed							
6	under ch. 458, ch. 459, ch. 490, or ch. 491, F.S.,							
7	from providing sexual orientation change therapy to a							
8	person who is younger than 18 years of age; providing							
9	an effective date.							
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11	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:							
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13	Section 1. Section 458.3166, Florida Statutes, is created							
14	to read:							
15	458.3166 Sexual orientation change therapy							
16	(1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation							
17	change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's							
18	sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to							
19	change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to							
20	reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings							
21	toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include							
22	<u>counseling:</u>							
23	(a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one							
24	gender to the other; or							
25	(b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding							
26	of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support,							
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27	and identity exploration and development, including sexual							
28	orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful							
29	conduct or unsafe sexual practices.							
30	(2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not							
31	provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is							
32	younger than 18 years of age.							
33	Section 2. Section 459.032, Florida Statutes, is created							
34	to read:							
35	5 459.032 Sexual orientation change therapy							
36	(1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation							
37	change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's							
38	sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to							
39	change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to							
40	reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings							
41	toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include							
42	2 <u>counseling</u> :							
43	(a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one							
44	4 gender to the other; or							
45	(b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding							
46	of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support,							
47	and identity exploration and development, including sexual							
48	orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful							
49	conduct or unsafe sexual practices.							
50	(2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not							
51	provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is							
52	younger than 18 years of age.							
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53	Section 3. Section 490.0142, Florida Statutes, is created							
54	to read:							
55	490.0142 Sexual orientation change therapy							
56	(1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation							
57	change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's							
58	sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to							
59	change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to							
60	reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings							
61	toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include							
62	counseling:							
63	(a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one							
64	gender to the other; or							
65	(b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding							
66	of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support,							
67	and identity exploration and development, including sexual							
68	orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful							
69	o <u>conduct or unsafe sexual practices.</u>							
70	(2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not							
71	provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is							
72	younger than 18 years of age.							
73	Section 4. Section 491.0142, Florida Statutes, is created							
74	to read:							
75	491.0142 Sexual orientation change therapy							
76	(1) As used in this section, the term "sexual orientation							
77	change therapy" means therapy that seeks to change a person's							
78	sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to							
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79 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions, or to 80 reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward a person of the same gender. The term does not include 81 82 counseling: 83 (a) Provided to a person seeking to transition from one 84 gender to the other; or 85 (b) That provides acceptance, support, and understanding of a person or facilitates a person's coping, social support, 86 87 and identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address unlawful 88 89 conduct or unsafe sexual practices. 90 (2) A person who is licensed under this chapter may not 91 provide sexual orientation change therapy to a person who is 92 younger than 18 years of age. 93 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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