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## CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

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Representative Fine offered the following:

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## Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove lines 83-370 and insert:

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being subjected to gender clinical interventions, as defined in s. 456.52(1).

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Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 61.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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61.534 Warrant to take physical custody of child.—

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child custody determination, the petitioner may file a verified application for the issuance of a warrant to take physical

Upon the filing of a petition seeking enforcement of a

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custody of the child if the child is likely to imminently suffer

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serious physical harm or removal from this state. <u>Serious</u> physical harm includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to gender clinical interventions, as defined in s. 456.52(1).

Section 3. Section 381.991, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

381.991 Public expenditures for gender clinical interventions; prohibition.—A state agency, political subdivision, public postsecondary institution as defined in 1000.04, or person providing services to or on behalf of any such agency, subdivision, or institution by contract or other agreement or relationship, may not expend funds to provide or reimburse for gender clinical interventions as defined in s. 456.52(1).

Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added subsection (1) of section 382.016, Florida Statutes, read:

382.016 Amendment of records.—The department, upon receipt of the fee prescribed in s. 382.0255; documentary evidence, as specified by rule, of any misstatement, error, or omission occurring in any birth, death, or fetal death record; and an affidavit setting forth the changes to be made, shall amend or replace the original certificate as necessary.

- (1) CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH AMENDMENT.-
- (f) The sex recorded on a birth certificate must be the person's biological sex at birth. The sex recorded on the birth certificate may only be changed in the case of a scrivener's

error or in the case of a person born with external biological sex characteristics that were unresolvably ambiguous at the time of birth. The sex recorded on a birth certificate may not be changed for the purpose of affirming a person's perception of his or her sex if that perception is inconsistent with the person's sex at birth. The department may change the sex recorded on a birth certificate under this paragraph upon the written request of a health care practitioner, as defined in s. 456.001, stating and providing evidence establishing the basis for the correction. Misrepresenting or providing fraudulent evidence in such a request is grounds for disciplinary action under s. 456.072 and any applicable practice act.

Section 5. Paragraphs (c) through (gg) of subsection (5) of section 456.074, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (d) through (hh), respectively, and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to read:

456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate suspension of license.—

- (5) The department shall issue an emergency order suspending the license of any health care practitioner who is arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit any act that would constitute a violation of any of the following criminal offenses in this state or similar offenses in another jurisdiction:
  - (c) Section 456.52(6), relating to providing gender

64	clinical interventions to a minor.
65	Section 6. Section 456.52, Florida Statutes, is created to
66	read:
67	456.52 Prohibition on gender clinical interventions for
68	minors; physician requirements.—
69	(1) For the purposes of this section, "gender clinical
70	interventions" means procedures or therapies that alter internal
71	or external physical traits for the purpose of affirming a
72	person's perception of his or her sex if that perception is
73	inconsistent with the person's sex at birth.
74	(a) The term includes, but is not limited to:
75	1. Sex reassignment surgeries or any other surgical
76	procedures that alter primary or secondary sexual
77	<pre>characteristics.</pre>
78	2. Puberty blocking, hormone, and hormone antagonistic
79	therapies.
80	(b) The term does not include:
81	1. Treatment provided by a physician who, in his or her
82	good faith clinical judgment, performs procedures upon, or
83	provides therapies to, a minor born with a medically verifiable
84	genetic disorder of sexual development, including the following:
85	a. External biological sex characteristics that are
86	unresolvably ambiguous.

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b. A disorder of sexual development, in which the

physician has determined through genetic or biochemical testing

that the minor does not have normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone action for a male or female.

- 2. Treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or disorder caused or exacerbated by the performance of gender clinical interventions regardless of whether such interventions were performed in accordance with state or federal law.
- (2) (a) Gender clinical interventions may only be provided by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or a physician practicing medicine or osteopathic medicine in the employment of the Federal Government.
- (b) A physician may not provide gender clinical interventions to a minor, except that a minor who was prescribed gender clinical interventions described in (1)(a)2. on or before January 1, 2023, and continuously received such therapies through July 1, 2023, may continue to receive such therapies through December 31, 2023, solely for the purpose of gradual discontinuation of such therapies.
- (3) Notwithstanding ss. 458.320(5) and 459.0085(5), a physician who provides gender clinical interventions for adults must obtain and maintain professional liability coverage in the amounts established in ss. 458.320(2)(b) and 459.0085(2)(b), as applicable.
- (4) (a) A physician must, while physically present in the same room as an adult patient, obtain informed written consent

from the patient each time the physician provides gender
clinical interventions. The physician must sign the consent and
maintain the consent in the medical record. The patient must
sign the informed consent acknowledging that the physician has
sufficiently explained its content. The physician must use an
informed consent form adopted in rule by the Board of Medicine
and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, which must include, at a
minimum, information related to the current state of research
of:

- $\underline{\mbox{1. The long-term and short-term effects of gender clinical}}$  interventions.
- 2. The impact of gender clinical interventions on physical and mental health.
- (b) The Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, as applicable, shall adopt emergency rules to implement this section.
- (c) Any emergency rules adopted under this section are exempt from s. 120.54(4)(c) and shall remain in effect until replaced by rules adopted under the nonemergency rulemaking procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act.
- (5) A board, or the department if there is no board, must revoke the license of a health care practitioner if the board, or the department if there is no board, determines that the health care practitioner violated this section.
  - (6)(a) A health care practitioner who willfully or

139	actively participates in a violation of (2)(b) commits a felony
140	of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
141	775.083, or s. 775.084.
142	(b) A health care practitioner who willfully or actively
143	participates in a violation of (4)(a) commits a misdemeanor of
144	the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
145	<u>775.083.</u>
146	Section 7. Section 627.6411, Florida Statutes, is created
147	to read:
148	627.6411 Coverage of certain treatment.—A health insurance
149	policy may not provide coverage for gender clinical
150	interventions as defined in s. 456.52(1).
151	Section 8. Subsection (48) is added to section 641.31,
152	Florida Statutes, to read:
153	641.31 Health maintenance contracts.—
154	(48) A health maintenance contract may not include
155	coverage for gender clinical interventions as defined in s.
156	<u>456.52(1).</u>
157	Section 9. Section 766.318, Florida Statutes, is created
158	to read:
159	766.318 Gender clinical interventions; liability.
160	(1) A physician who provides gender clinical
161	interventions, as defined in s. 456.52, to a person is liable to
162	the person for any physical, psychological, emotional, or
163	physiological injury resulting from the gender clinical

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164	<pre>intervention.</pre>
165	(2) A person who receives a gender clinical intervention
166	from a physician may bring a civil action against such
167	practitioner in a court of competent jurisdiction for:
168	(a) Declaratory or injunctive relief.
169	(b) Economic damages.
170	(c) Noneconomic damages.
171	(d) Punitive damages.
172	(e) Attorney fees and costs.
173	(3) In an action brought under this section, the
174	limitations on punitive damages in s. 768.73, or any other
175	provision of law that seeks to limit punitive damages, do not
176	apply.
177	(4) The estate of, or a legal guardian on behalf of, a
178	person who received a gender clinical intervention from a
179	physician, when the death of that person was caused by such
180	gender clinical intervention, may bring a civil action against
181	such practitioner in a court of competent jurisdiction for all
182	of the following:
183	(a) All remedies available under subsection (2).
184	(b) All remedies available under s. 766.102.
185	(c) Treble damages.
186	(5) Notwithstanding s. 95.11, an action brought under
187	subsection (2) must be commenced within 20 years after the date
188	of the gender clinical interventions.

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(6) An action brought under subsection (4) must be commenced within 5 years after the date of the person's death or the discovery of the person's death, whichever is later.

Section 10. <u>If any provision of this act or its</u> application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

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## TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 6-67 and insert:

to or is threatened with being subjected to gender
clinical interventions; amending s. 61.534, F.S.;
providing that, for purposes of warrants to take
physical custody of a child in certain child custody
enforcement proceedings, serious physical harm to the
child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected
to gender clinical interventions; creating s. 381.991,
F.S.; prohibiting certain persons and entities from
expending funds for reimbursement for specified
clinical interventions; amending s. 382.016, F.S.;
prohibiting a person's biological sex from being
changed on a birth certificate; providing an

exception; providing for disciplinary actions;
amending s. 456.074, F.S.; requiring the department to
immediately suspend the license of a health care
practitioner who is arrested for committing or
attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit
specified violations related to gender clinical
interventions for a minor; creating s. 456.52, F.S.;
providing a definition for the term "gender clinical
interventions"; prohibiting gender clinical
interventions for minors; providing exceptions;
requiring a physician to maintain specified
professional liability coverage; requiring a physician
to obtain informed written consent from a patient
under certain circumstances; providing requirements
for the informed consent form; authorizing certain
persons to refuse to participate in gender clinical
interventions; providing liability and penalties;
creating s. 627.6411, F.S.; prohibiting a health
insurance policy from providing coverage for gender
clinical interventions; amending s. 641.31, F.S.;
prohibiting a health maintenance contract from
including coverage for gender clinical interventions;
creating s. 766.318, F.S.; providing for physician
liability; providing penalties for injuries and
wrongful death caused by gender clinical

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239	interventions; authorizing the award of specified
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241	of limitations periods; providing severability;
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