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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1032

5 By: Representative A. Collins
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 TO BAN CONVERSION THERAPY.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended
19 to add an additional section to read as follows:

20 20-9-106. Ban on conversion therapy.

21 (a) As used in this section:

22 (1)(A) "Conversion therapy" means any practice or treatment
23 administered to a person that seeks to change the person's sexual orientation
24 or gender identity, including without limitation efforts to change behaviors
25 or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic
26 attractions or feelings toward persons of the same gender.

27 (B) "Conversion therapy" does not include counseling that
28 does not seek to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity and:

29 (i) Assists a person undergoing a gender transition;

30 (ii) Provides acceptance, support, and understanding
31 to a person; or

32 (iii) Facilitates a person's coping, social support,
33 or identity exploration and development, including sexual orientation-neutral
34 intervention to prevent or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual
35 practices; and

36 (2) "Healthcare professional" means a person who is licensed,



1 certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to administer
2 health care in the ordinary course of the practice of his or her profession.

3 (b) A healthcare professional shall not engage in conversion therapy.

4 (c) A healthcare professional who engages in conversion therapy is
5 subject to disciplinary action by the licensing, certifying, or authorizing
6 state entity, including without limitation suspension or revocation of his or
7 her license, certificate, or authorization.

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