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Bill Analysis

SB 613 prohibits any health care provider from providing gender transition procedures to any child. Any health care provider found to have violated this prohibition shall be subject to licensure revocation and shall be guilty of a felony. The measure provides that prosecutions for such violations shall occur no later than the date on which the child attains the age of 45 years. The measure authorizes the parent, legal guardian, or next friend of a child to bring civil action against any provider who performed gender transition procedures on a child. The parent, legal guardian, or next friend shall bring a claim for the violation no later than the date on which the child attains the age of majority. The child may bring action upon obtaining the age of majority and prior to attaining the age of 45 years. The court may award compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, or any other appropriate relief as well as court costs. The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce compliance with this measure.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 613 modifies the term "gender transition procedure" and specifies that such procedures shall not include the treatment of any physical injury or illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the individual in imminent danger of death or impairment of a major bodily function unless such treatment is performed. The measure also provides for such procedures to continue for 6 months after the effective date. The fine and term of imprisonment for violations is removed. The measure strikes language providing for the immediate revocation of a physician's license who violates the provisions of this measure.

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