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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes the "SAFE Act" in Louisiana and prohibits procedures that alter the gender of minors.

Proposed law states that the risks associated with the allowance of irreversible, permanently sterilizing genital gender reassignment surgery outweigh the scientific benefits.

Proposed law defines "biological sex", "birth sex", "sex", "cross-sex hormone", "gender", "gender reassignment surgery", "gender transition", "gender transition procedures", "genital gender reassignment surgery", "medical healthcare professional", "non-genital gender reassignment surgery", "physician", "puberty-blocking drugs", and "public funds".

Proposed law prohibits certain medical services for medically diagnosed individuals.

Proposed law prohibits any physician or other medical healthcare professional from performing any gender transition procedures on any person under 18 years of age or referring any person under 18 years of age to any medical doctor for gender transition procedures.

Proposed law prohibits school personnel from encouraging or coercing a minor to withhold from the minor's parent or legal guardian the fact that the minor's perception of his gender is inconsistent with his sex.

Proposed law prohibits the use of any public funds or funds allocated to hospitals for the purpose of financing a gender reassignment procedure.

Proposed law excludes gender transition procedures for any person under 18 years of age from healthcare coverage reimbursement.

Proposed law provides that any provision of gender transition procedures to a person under 18 years of age shall be considered unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to discipline by the licensing entity with jurisdiction over the physician, mental health provider, or other medical healthcare professional.

(Adds R.S. 40:1091.1-1091.8)