



Issue: Conversion Therapy

Bill: Not released yet

Sponsor: TBD

What it does:

Pending legislation would prohibit any licensed therapists from attempting to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of minors, otherwise known as Conversion Therapy. This bill would not apply to any adult (ages 18 or older), affect non-licensed religious or faith-based counselors, prohibit the practice of professionally accepted therapies or infringe on First Amendment freedoms.

Why it matters:

Conversion Therapy has been deemed harmful and been discredited by the American Academy of Pediatrics. LGBTQ youth who undergo conversion therapy are 63% more likely to attempt suicide, 52% more likely to experience higher levels of depression and 67% more likely to have greater substance abuse problems.

Key Question:

Should Utah join the 15 other states in passing legislation banning conversion therapy for minors?

Instructions: As a group, spend the next five minutes crafting a pitch to lobby your expert to pass a ban on conversion therapy.