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Historically Conversion Therapy was defined as changing one's sexual orientation, primarily from homosexual to heterosexual. In some cases it was forced upon children or adults by families or therapeutic providers. Today, 'Conversion Therapy' (as used in this Bill) is best defined as a prohibition against ANY understanding or investigation as to WHY a person may feel that they are transgender. This would include exploring any comorbid behavioral health conditions such as depression or trauma, and understanding any social pressure or contagion that might be encouraging such a transition. The lack of legal therapeutic exploration will result in gender transition, including social, hormonal and surgical on people that have underlying behavioral health conditions. Not only will the transition NOT help these underlying conditions, it will exacerbate any behavioral health issues. This is medical malpractice.