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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to parental and guardian consent and  
2 information regarding the gender identity of students  
3 enrolled in a school district or charter school.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2023, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oj.* Be subject to and comply with the  
4 requirements of section 279.77 relating to prohibited actions  
5 associated with the gender identity of students in the same  
6 manner as a school district.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **279.77 Gender identity — parental or**  
8 **guardian consent — prohibitions.**

9 Each school district is prohibited from doing any of the  
10 following:

11 1. Facilitating any accommodation that is intended to  
12 affirm a student's gender identity, if that gender identity  
13 is different than the sex listed on the student's official  
14 birth certificate or certificate issued upon adoption if the  
15 certificate was issued at or near the time of the student's  
16 birth, without the written consent of the student's parent or  
17 guardian. For purposes of this section, "*gender identity*" means  
18 the same as defined in section 216.2.

19 2. Encouraging or coercing any student to withhold  
20 information from the student's parent or guardian related to  
21 the student's gender identity.

22 3. Willfully withholding information from, or knowingly  
23 giving false or misleading information to, the parent or  
24 guardian of a student regarding the student's gender identity  
25 or intention to transition to a gender that is different than  
26 the sex listed on a student's official birth certificate or  
27 certificate issued upon adoption if the certificate was issued  
28 at or near the time of the student's birth.

29 4. Encouraging, pressuring, or coercing a student to  
30 undergo any medical procedure, treatment, or intervention that  
31 is designed to affirm the student's gender identity if that  
32 gender identity is different than the sex listed on a student's  
33 official birth certificate or certificate issued upon adoption  
34 if the certificate was issued at or near the time of the  
35 student's birth.

1 5. Encouraging, pressuring, or coercing a student's  
2 parent or guardian to allow the student to undergo any medical  
3 procedure, treatment, or intervention that is designed to  
4 affirm the student's gender identity if that gender identity  
5 is different than the sex listed on the student's official  
6 birth certificate or certificate issued upon adoption if the  
7 certificate was issued at or near the time of the student's  
8 birth.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to parental and guardian consent and  
13 information regarding the gender identity of students enrolled  
14 in a school district or charter school.

15 The bill prohibits school districts and charter schools  
16 from facilitating any accommodation that is intended to  
17 affirm a student's gender identity, if that gender identity  
18 is different than the sex listed on the student's official  
19 birth certificate, without the written consent of the student's  
20 parent or guardian; encouraging or coercing any student to  
21 withhold information from the student's parent or guardian  
22 related to the student's gender identity; willfully withholding  
23 information from, or knowingly giving false or misleading  
24 information to, the parent or guardian of a student regarding  
25 the student's gender identity or intention to transition to a  
26 gender that is different than the sex listed on a student's  
27 official birth certificate; encouraging, pressuring, or  
28 coercing a student to undergo any medical procedure, treatment,  
29 or intervention that is designed to affirm the student's  
30 gender identity if that gender identity is different than  
31 the sex listed on a student's official birth certificate;  
32 or encouraging, pressuring, or coercing a student's parent  
33 or guardian to allow the student to undergo any medical  
34 procedure, treatment, or intervention that is designed to  
35 affirm the student's gender identity if that gender identity is

1 different than the sex listed on the student's official birth  
2 certificate.

3 The bill defines "gender identity" as a gender-related  
4 identity of a person, regardless of the person's assigned sex  
5 at birth.