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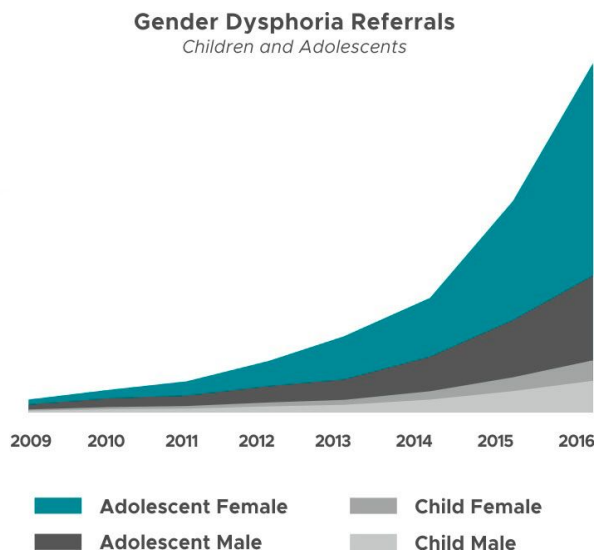
To Chairman Hambly and Mr. Patton and the Civil Rights Committee

Opposition Testimony Regarding Proposed Ohio Bills 369 & 11

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Our group is called Parents of Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoric Kids and we are located in cities across Ohio. We have the largest parent support group in the United States. **This is not a compliment.** This is because we have 5 large clinics and smaller operations in Ohio, including Planned Parenthood and Equality Ohio. Most are parenting young teenagers who have walked into clinics, self-identifying as transgender and walked out with testosterone/estrogen drugs in one visit. These wrong sex hormones are not FDA approved, and are dangerous. (1)



(2) Chart resource: (www.segm.org)

Educating children as indicated in line 2158 of this bill would solidify the abuse currently taking place in Ohio. While we do not believe anyone should be discriminated against for any reason, we believe this bill is a Trojan horse aimed at steering our youth down this path to medical transitions because it plans to educate preschool age children into believing they are “born in the wrong body”. (3) This would lead them into identifying as transgender, which will lead them to the gender clinics, then unnecessary gender treatments and ending with a lifetime of regret.

So many people are too afraid to address the transgender movement for what it is - a medical catastrophe resulting in the medical abuse of young gays, lesbians and bisexual youth who are confused about their sexuality. **All Ohio children are at risk and forced education – already happening in corporations will make matters worse.**

We are not homophobic or transphobic, we are **parents** of at-risk youth with pre-existing mental health conditions. We love our kids. Which is why we **do not support the medical**

transitioning of children or the educating children that are “born in the wrong body”. (3) We are witnessing vulnerable adolescents and even young adults pursuing transition as THE answer to their mental health problems. This is not evidence based or proven by long term studies.

One confusing example of the type of “**education**” these confused children receive within gender clinics are the “education” weblinks that are all activist based.

One girl is described here – read it closely highlighted in red. “Mack” is a female child who should grow up as her “true self” and be a heterosexual, perhaps even a married young woman with children if left alone and given necessary mental help with her uncomfortable feelings about puberty as a child. All teens are uncomfortable with puberty. As a woman, I have yet to meet any woman that ever embraced it. Yet this OHIO transgender clinic openly links youth to this PFLAG website as one of their “**educational**” resources. Are Ohioans expected to accept that children who are given puberty blockers, then wrong sex hormones, then surgical removal of breasts and hysterectomies resulting in **sterilization is normal and a civil right?** Is this the type of **education** parents can expect from this bill? The same gender clinic (in a prominent children’s hospital) knowingly mentions that many of these **children end up growing up as gay, lesbian or bisexual adults**. Can a confused young teen age girl understand this:

ONE 10 or so Resources is PFLAG’s “Mack”

“Finally, Mack offers yet another way to understand how people identify. Mack’s assigned sex at birth was female, but when he was a child, Mack started identifying as a boy. As a teen, Mack presented himself as a male, and when he was in his 20s, he officially transitioned to male. But in a contrast to Monique, Mack has always been attracted to other men, so he identifies as gay. Mack’s identification is as a transgender man who is gay.”

Should the Ohio Civil Right Commission, a non-medical, non-elected entity be in charge of educating our children, policing parents, medical professionals, ANYONE for disagreeing or questioning this radical belief system?

Gaslighting children through **forced education** in public schools is already happening across Ohio. The medical community is embracing child experimentation based on the child’s self-diagnosis. Does this make sense? Does a child really know what all this is about? Or are they being “educated” to meet a dark agenda? Where are parent’s rights? This is not a religious issue - this is a medical harm issue. Let’s leave that straw argument out.

Activists are protected locally by conversion therapy bans that include gender identity. These clinics have taken advantage of these confused adolescents and the protections that these **gender identity inclusive conversion therapy bans** provide. The transgender movement has

attached itself to the LGB community, and we could not be more concerned about these barbaric treatments on possible future gay, lesbian and bisexual adolescents and young vulnerable adults.

Transition of possible LGB identifying youth is the ultimate “conversion therapy” and punishment for having a same sex attraction. Aligning bodily reality with the mind is reparative therapy, not conversion therapy. Parents greatly resent the double talk that gender therapists, often identifying as transgender themselves tout as facts without any medical studies to back them up. And when they are challenged, they coerce and harass parents, ensuring that the coerced treatments (experiments) continue to go unaddressed and unregulated by the state of Ohio for the last FIVE years.

We need to stop misleading our children and educate them about the dangers of bodily harm from this ideology and provide them with the mental health therapies they need to cope with what is at the heart of their mental problems. These are listed in the DSM – 5. Let’s address and screen for these mental health challenges that coexist with gender dysphoria. And let’s stop labeling our gender non-conforming kids for being individuals, with individual interests which might be different than the sexual stereotypes that the media perpetuates. This does not make them any other than male or female.

We have every different resource you might need to stop this bill from going forward. (4)

Punishing our community for not complying with this ideology is not a civil right. Giving unelected people the green light to continue to poison our children’s minds with this ideology is not education – it’s child abuse and traumatic. This is not California, this is Ohio. We can do better and be the leader for the best medical care possible for transgender identifying youth and their families.

As an update, in the UK, Keira Bell, (5) **a child** when she began her transition has recently won a lawsuit because she began transition at an age where she was **unable to consent or understand the long term consequences of her treatments**. Forever altered, many like her in Ohio will be coming forward with the same story. Please, protect our children from this ideology and put a stop to transitions of children and young people by supporting and sponsoring Ohio Bill 513, The Vulnerable Child Protection Act. In Hamilton County alone, also the home of the largest gender clinic in the state, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Transgender clinic, boasted 1600 patients this year alone. That director also boasted in a court case that she transitions 100% of these patients. They treat ages 4-24 as stated on their website. I urge you to make an inquiry and open an investigation immediately. Parents like me are already victims of these coercive practices and are ready to testify. Please review the contents in item (5).

Thank you.

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- (1) <https://4thwavenow.com/2018/06/18/testosterone-young-females-what-is-known-about-long-term-effects/>
- (2) www.segm.org
- (3) <https://4thwavenow.com/2019/08/19/no-child-is-born-in-the-wrong-body-and-other-thoughts-on-the-concept-of-gender-identity/>
- (4) <https://www.genderhq.org/>
- (5) <https://www.judiciary.uk/judgments/r-on-the-application-of-quincy-bell-and-a-v-tavistock-and-portman-nhs-trust-and-others/>
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