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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 15/14.5 new
225 ILCS 20/18.5 new
225 ILCS 55/84 new
225 ILCS 107/79 new

Amends the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act, and Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act. In each Act, defines "sexual orientation change efforts" and provides that a professional licensed under the Act shall not engage in sexual orientation change efforts with a patient younger than 18 years of age. Further provides in each Act that any sexual orientation change efforts attempted on a patient younger than 18 years of age shall be grounds for discipline under the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is
5 amended by adding Section 14.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 15/14.5 new)

7 Sec. 14.5. Sexual orientation change efforts. Under no
8 circumstances shall a clinical psychologist engage in sexual
9 orientation change efforts with a patient younger than 18 years
10 of age. Any sexual orientation change efforts attempted on a
11 patient younger than 18 years of age by a clinical psychologist
12 shall be considered unprofessional conduct and shall be grounds
13 for discipline under this Act. For the purposes of this
14 Section, "sexual orientation change efforts" means the
15 practice of seeking to change a person's sexual orientation,
16 including, but not limited to, efforts to change behaviors,
17 gender identity, or gender expressions or to eliminate or
18 reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings towards
19 persons of the same gender. "Sexual orientation change efforts"
20 does not include counseling for a person seeking to transition
21 from one gender to another, counseling that provides
22 acceptance, support, and understanding of a person without
23 seeking to change sexual orientation, or counseling that

1 facilitates a person's coping, social support, and identity
2 exploration and development, including sexual
3 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address
4 unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, without seeking to
5 change sexual orientation.

6 Section 10. The Clinical Social Work and Social Work
7 Practice Act is amended by adding Section 18.5 as follows:

8 (225 ILCS 20/18.5 new)

9 Sec. 18.5. Sexual orientation change efforts. Under no
10 circumstances shall a licensed clinical social worker or
11 licensed social worker engage in sexual orientation change
12 efforts with a patient younger than 18 years of age. Any sexual
13 orientation change efforts attempted on a patient younger than
14 18 years of age by a licensed clinical social worker or
15 licensed social worker shall be considered unprofessional
16 conduct and shall be grounds for discipline under this Act. For
17 the purposes of this subsection, "sexual orientation change
18 efforts" means the practice of seeking to change a person's
19 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to
20 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions or to
21 eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings
22 towards persons of the same gender. "Sexual orientation change
23 efforts" does not include counseling for a person seeking to
24 transition from one gender to another, counseling that provides

1 acceptance, support, and understanding of a person without
2 seeking to change sexual orientation, or counseling that
3 facilitates a person's coping, social support, and identity
4 exploration and development, including sexual
5 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address
6 unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, without seeking to
7 change sexual orientation.

8 Section 15. The Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing Act
9 is amended by adding Section 84 as follows:

10 (225 ILCS 55/84 new)

11 Sec. 84. Sexual orientation change efforts. Under no
12 circumstances shall a marriage and family therapist engage in
13 sexual orientation change efforts with a patient younger than
14 18 years of age. Any sexual orientation change efforts
15 attempted on a patient younger than 18 years of age by a
16 marriage and family therapist shall be considered
17 unprofessional conduct and shall be grounds for discipline
18 under this Act. For the purposes of this subsection, "sexual
19 orientation change efforts" means the practice of seeking to
20 change a person's sexual orientation, including, but not
21 limited to, efforts to change behaviors, gender identity, or
22 gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic
23 attractions or feelings towards persons of the same gender.
24 "Sexual orientation change efforts" does not include

1 counseling for a person seeking to transition from one gender
2 to another, counseling that provides acceptance, support, and
3 understanding of a person without seeking to change sexual
4 orientation, or counseling that facilitates a person's coping,
5 social support, and identity exploration and development,
6 including sexual orientation-neutral interventions to prevent
7 or address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, without
8 seeking to change sexual orientation.

9 Section 20. The Professional Counselor and Clinical
10 Professional Counselor Licensing and Practice Act is amended
11 adding Section 79 as follows:

12 (225 ILCS 107/79 new)

13 Sec. 79. Sexual orientation change efforts. Under no
14 circumstances shall a professional counselor or clinical
15 professional counselor engage in sexual orientation change
16 efforts with a patient younger than 18 years of age. Any sexual
17 orientation change efforts attempted on a patient younger than
18 18 years of age by a professional counselor or clinical
19 professional counselor shall be considered unprofessional
20 conduct and shall be grounds for discipline under this Act. For
21 the purposes of this subsection, "sexual orientation change
22 efforts" means the practice of seeking to change a person's
23 sexual orientation, including, but not limited to, efforts to
24 change behaviors, gender identity, or gender expressions or to

1 eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings
2 towards persons of the same gender. "Sexual orientation change
3 efforts" does not include counseling for a person seeking to
4 transition from one gender to another, counseling that provides
5 acceptance, support, and understanding of a person without
6 seeking to change sexual orientation, or counseling that
7 facilitates a person's coping, social support, and identity
8 exploration and development, including sexual
9 orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or address
10 unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices, without seeking to
11 change sexual orientation.