

STOP CHILD ABUSE IN ALABAMA

Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act (VCAP) (SB184, HB266)

VCAP prevents gender transition experiments on vulnerable children that lead to a lifetime of: *sterilization *use of powerful drugs *ongoing corrective surgeries *astronomical medical fees often paid by the state *living a lie and hating their real body

VCAP prohibits prescribing, dispensing or administering puberty-suppressing drugs or cross-sex hormones to gender dysphoric children. It prohibits performing surgical procedures on an otherwise healthy child for the sole purpose of treating gender dysphoria. It requires that school officials notify parents when a child has gender dysphoria.

- **“Gender dysphoria”** is a mental health condition where one persistently feels he or she was born in the wrong body.
- Most children with gender dysphoria have **coexisting medical problems** including anxiety, depression, autism, cognitive deficits, obsessive-compulsive disorder and learning difficulties. These conditions make dysphoric children, who are in need of therapeutic counseling, even more vulnerable to psychological manipulation.
- **Therapeutic counseling** is the most compassionate means of helping dysphoric individuals understand the underlying root problems of their feelings and false ideas about their biological sex. It allows professional therapists to guide patients to understand the reasons for their feelings and to provide a positive path for the future.
- Almost all children with gender dysphoria (80-99%) will **“desist”** - that means to accept their biological sex - by the time they become young adults, when supported with compassionate therapeutic counseling, if they follow a normal path of growth without drugs or surgery. It is common sense to wait and let a child’s confusion dissipate before making life-altering decisions resulting in permanent sterilization and unnecessary, ongoing, lifelong health issues.
- The **health risks and damaging results** associated with these medications and surgeries are irresponsible and violate the physician’s Hippocratic oath to **do no harm**. There is not a single long-term scientific study that supports these high-risk medical interventions as safe and effective. These experiments are largely **untested and irreversible**.
- **Puberty-suppression drugs** for treating gender dysphoria is **off label**. Harms from puberty blockers (such as Lupron) include: preventing bone density growth, halting structural growth, stalling brain maturation, and socialization. Such use atrophies libido and growth of sexual organs including penis and breasts. It results in infertility.
- **Cross-sex hormones** to treat gender dysphoria is **off label**. Harms from cross-sex hormones include...For men: loss of facial hair, growth of breasts and hips. For women: baldness, growth of Adams apple, facial hair and voice change. It increases risk of strokes, liver disease, blood clots, diabetes, migraines, heart disease, gallstones, and cancer.
- Medical harms from **surgeries are irreversible**. They include: the removal of penis, testicles, scrotum, breasts, and ovaries, and the construction of non-functioning penis, vagina, and breasts. **These surgeries on children are experimental**. The body is left in a permanent state of trying to heal. Boys with fake vaginas must insert a stretching mechanism for the rest of their lives. Both boys and girls must take the powerful hormones for the rest of their lives. This imposes **irreversible sterilization and lifetime emotional damage** inevitably resulting in transgender regret.
- **“Sex change regret and de-transitioning”** is rapidly increasing in America and around the world. Unfortunately, most damage is **irreversible**.

Vote YES on the Alabama Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act!