# New South Carolina Bill Would Ban Children from Gender Reassignment Surgery

Representative Cezar Mcknight (D-South Carolina) has received backlash after his proposal of a new bill. The bill titled the "South Carolina Vulnerable Child Compassion protection Act" bans minors from receiving gender-altering surgery or treatments that prevent/delay puberty. Any medical professional who violates the law would be charged with a felony and sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

After the bill's proposal, Mcknight received backlash from both his own party and those further left.

> *"I would not have ever put this bill forward if I didn't think the people in my district wouldn't be receptive, and they are. Pastors, young parents, older parents, they all tell me the same thing: if you want to do this, wait until you're 18."*

While not explicitly stated, the language of the bill implies a ban on circumcision as well, stating:

> *…no person shall engage in, counsel, make a referral for, or cause any of the following practices to be performed upon a minor if the practice is performed for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of or affirm the minor's perception of the minor's gender or sex, if that perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex as defined in this chapter:*
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> *(1) prescribing, dispensing, administering, or otherwise supplying puberty-blocking medication to stop or delay normal puberty;*

*(2) prescribing, dispensing, administering, or otherwise supplying supraphysiologic doses of testosterone or other androgens to females;*

*(3) prescribing, dispensing, administering, or otherwise supplying supraphysiologic doses of estrogen to males;*

*(4) performing surgeries that sterilize, including castration, vasectomy, hysterectomy, oophorectomy, orchiectomy, and penectomy;*

*(5) performing surgeries that artificially construct tissue with the appearance of genitalia that differs from the individual's sex, including metoidioplasty, phalloplasty, and vaginoplasty; or*

***(6) removing any healthy or nondiseased body part or tissue.***

To read more about the damages of circumcision check out this article.

The issue of gender reassignment surgery and hormone therapy for adolescents is an extremely nuanced topic. For more information on the issue, Joe Rogan has an excellent podcast episode with Abigail Shrier, author of "The Transgender Craze Seducing our Daughters" which you can listen to here.