

****All names listed in the roll call are legislators currently holding office.**

SB 65 (2017) - Conversion Therapy

This legislation was passed in 2017. This law bans licensed professionals in Delaware from providing counseling/therapy to minors which does not affirm a child's gender transition desires. Counseling or therapy that perceivably seeks to change a minor's sexual orientation or gender identity, including any effort to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same gender is considered "conversion therapy".

Application: In Delaware, if parents of a minor child seek counseling/therapy for a child experiencing rapid-onset gender dysphoria or unwanted same-sex attraction, the only counseling permitted is that which affirms a child's desire to socially, chemically, and/or physically attempt to transition his/her gender. A licensed professional may not explore underlying issues without the risk of perceivably engaging in "conversion" or reparative therapy practices which by law is unprofessional conduct and grounds for disciplinary action.

2017 SB65 Roll Call:

SUPPORT

House

Baumbach
Bennett
Bentz
Bolden
Brady
Heffernan
K.Williams
Kowalko
Longhurst
Lynn
Matthews
Mitchell
Osienski
Paradee
Ramone
Schwartzkopf

Senate

Cloutier
Delcollo
Hansen
Lopez
Poore
Sokola
Townsend
Walsh

OPPOSE

House

Briggs-King
Carson
Collins
D.Short
Dukes
Gray
Hensley
Postles
Smyk
Spiegelman
Wilson
Yearick

*****Absent:** Bonini

*****Not Voting:**

Ennis
Pettyjohn

IMPORTANT NOTE: Also in 2017, at the direction of Governor Carney, Delaware's Department of Education attempted to pass [Regulation 225](#) (which was NOT a bill to receive a vote) which would allow children as young as kindergarten age to be introduced to the concept of and given the ability to self determine their gender and/or race without parental involvement, notification, or consent.

As a result of parents being made aware of the far-reaching effects of this regulation and overwhelmingly rejecting it, the regulation was tabled. To learn more about the Regulation 225 agenda *in our Delaware schools, read more here.*

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