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BY: Senator Simonaire

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1028
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 12, insert:

“WHEREAS, In 2009, the American Psychological Association convened a Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation that urged the seeking of areas where collaboration with religious leaders, institutions, and organizations could promote the well-being of sexual minorities through the use of accurate scientific data regarding sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Task Force also urged the encouragement of the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns to prioritize initiatives that address religious and spiritual concerns and the concerns of sexual minorities from conservative faiths; and

WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association in its report on the Appropriate Therapeutic Responses to Sexual Orientation, which was published in 1998, stated that “psychologists...respect the rights of individuals to privacy, confidentiality, self-determination, and autonomy”; and”.