



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: House Bill 679 - Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors

Hearing Date: February 18, 2026

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly opposes *House Bill 679 - Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors*. Under the bill, healthcare practitioners could receive a felony conviction and up to lifetime imprisonment for prescribing, administering, or dispensing hormones to treat gender dysphoria for minors. This legislation would cost lives. Gender-affirming care is lifesaving for adolescents and safeguards their health and wellbeing.¹ This legislation would have a chilling effect on the provision of any hormonal treatment for minors or adults, just as abortion bans have impeded the provision of miscarriage care even in emergencies.

We ask for an unfavorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

¹ Hembree WC, Cohen-Kettenis PT, Gooren L, Hannema SE, Meyer WJ, Murad MH, Rosenthal SM, Safer JD, Tangpricha V, T'Sjoen GG. Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2017 Nov 1;102(11):3869-3903. doi: 10.1210/jc.2017-01658. Erratum in: *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2018 Feb 1;103(2):699. doi: 10.1210/jc.2017-02548. Erratum in: *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2018 Jul 1;103(7):2758-2759. doi: 10.1210/jc.2018-01268. PMID: 28945902.