

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings

Bill: Senate Bill 950 - Conversion Therapy – Prohibitions and Causes of Action

Hearing Date: March 10, 2026

Position: Support

The Women's Law Center of Maryland supports *Senate Bill 950 – Conversion Therapy – Prohibition and Causes of Action*. In 2018, the Maryland General Assembly banned conversion therapy for youth because of the substantial evidence of harm caused to Marylanders. Survivors may not have the support until adulthood to address the trauma caused by conversion therapy.ⁱ This legislation would allow more Marylanders to seek redress for those harms by extending the timeframe to file a civil suit and to explicitly recognize the mental harm created by conversion therapy.

We ask for a favorable report to allow Maryland to do more to protect the LGBTQ+ community. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://www.science.org/content/article/new-study-reveals-risks-transgender-conversion-therapy>

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