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House Bill 2972

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated §16-11A-1 and §16-11A-2, all relating to the restriction of public universities or university associated healthcare facilities from performing gender reassignment surgeries or gender affirming care upon minors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 11A. GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY or gender reaffirming care TO MINORS prohibited by public universities.

§16-11A-1. Gender reassignment surgery prohibited by public universities or university associated facilities.

Any minor seeking gender reassignment surgery before reaching 18 years of age shall be denied any such request by any licensed healthcare provider that provides services in this state under the name of a public university, such as West Virginia University Medicine, Marshall Health, or otherwise.

§16-11A-2. Gender affirming care prohibited by public universities or university associated facilities.

Any minor seeking gender affirming care before reaching 18 years of age shall be denied any such request by any licensed healthcare provider that provides services in this state under the name of a public university, such as West Virginia University Medicine, Marshall Health, or otherwise.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to restrict public universities or university associated healthcare facilities from performing gender reassignment surgeries or gender affirming care upon minors.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.