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Introduced by Sen. GONZALEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing for continuity of gender affirming care

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 27-FF to read as follows:

ARTICLE 27-FF

CONTINUITY OF GENDER AFFIRMING CARE

Section 2790. Continuity of gender affirming care.

§ 2790. Continuity of gender affirming care. 1. As used in this section, "gender affirming care" means care and services encompassing the range of social, psychological, behavioral, medical, and surgical interventions, including hormonal treatments and prescription drugs, designed to support and affirm an individual's gender identity when it is incongruent with the individual's sex assigned at birth, provided that surgical interventions on minors with variations in their sex characteristics that are not sought and initiated by the individual patient are not gender affirming care.

2. There is hereby established in the department a gender affirming care program to ensure the continuity of gender affirming care services in the state. Such program shall identify and/or provide funding and other resources to providers that meet program requirements to facilitate access to gender affirming care services for individuals who are eligible for gender affirming care services.

3. The department shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section, including regulations establishing requirements for the program. The department shall consult with experts in the field of providing gender affirming care to ensure that the program and expenditures to providers are reflective of the

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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needs of providers and patients receiving and seeking gender affirming care.

4. Funding used to support gender affirming care services under the program shall be pursuant to funds appropriated by the legislature for such purposes and shall be, at a minimum, equal to the amount appropriated for such funds appropriated before April first, two thousand twenty-five for similar gender-affirming care services. Such funds shall increase each year by the same rate as the consumer price index. The department may use a portion of such funding for administering the program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.