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IN SENATE

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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:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new article
2 27-FF to read as follows:

ARTICLE 27-FF

CONTINUITY OF GENDER AFFIRMING CARE

3 Section 2790. Continuity of gender affirming care.

4 § 2790. Continuity of gender affirming care. 1. As used in this
5 section, "gender affirming care" means care and services encompassing
6 the range of social, psychological, behavioral, medical, and surgical
7 interventions, including hormonal treatments and prescription drugs,
8 designed to support and affirm an individual's gender identity when it
9 is incongruent with the individual's sex assigned at birth, provided
10 that surgical interventions on minors with variations in their sex char-
11 acteristics that are not sought and initiated by the individual patient
12 are not gender affirming care.

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

19 3. The department shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations
20 to implement the provisions of this section, including regulations
21 establishing requirements for the program. The department shall consult
22 with experts in the field of providing gender affirming care to ensure
23 that the program and expenditures to providers are reflective of the
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25 EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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

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

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.