

Protecting Our Kids from Harmful Research Act

Physical interventions that seek to “affirm” a child’s gender dysphoria have proven, life-altering effects on the more than 28,000 children who have undergone these treatments since 2019. Researchers estimate that over 60,000 different “sex-changing” prescriptions have been written to treat gender dysphoria in youth, although these treatments are rarely effective and, in reality, often result in mental health crises and permanent physical damage.¹ According to the American Psychiatric Association, as many as 88% of gender-dysphoric girls and 98% of gender-dysphoric boys will desist if their biological identity is affirmed. On the other hand, transgender adults who underwent hormone and surgical treatments are reported to have a suicide rate 19 times higher than the average population.²

Despite the long-term harm these treatments cause, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded taxpayer funds to research these treatments since 2015, including in the “Impact of Early Medical Treatment in Transgender Youth” study, which administered puberty blockers to 391 minors over a two-year period and received 9.7 million dollars in NIH funds.³ In a measure to stop such destructive, experimental research, President Trump issued Executive Order 14187: Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation. This executive order directed each agency head to ensure that all medical and educational institutions receiving grants ended actions supporting chemical or surgical gender mutilation. It has resulted in the termination of over 200 grants from HHS alone, some costing up to five million dollars.⁴

The Protecting Our Kids from Harmful Research Act supports President Trump’s efforts to ensure that taxpayer dollars are never used to fund research that supports transitioning children.

Bill Specifics

This legislation would prohibit the use of federal funds for any research, observational study, or publication, relating to gender transitions in individuals under the age of 18, which is conducted for the purpose of affirming a minor’s asserted identity or perception of his or her sex, if such is incongruent with the minor’s biological sex.

¹ <https://stoptheharmdatabase.com/about/>.

² <https://biologicalintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/General-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

³ <https://oversight.house.gov/release/mcclain-probes-9-7-million-taxpayer-funded-study-buried-by-activist-researcher-on-puberty-blockers%E2%82%AC%80/>.

⁴ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2025/04/report-to-the-president-on-protecting-children-from-surgical-and-chemical-mutilation-executive-summary/>.
