

Illinois Democrat Wants Parents Who Refuse Abortion, "Gender-Affirming" Care for Kids Charged With Abuse

If Democratic Illinois State Rep. Anne Stava-Murray gets her way, parents who don't permit a child to get an abortion or receive "gender-affirming" care will be declared child abusers.

The latest from a member of Joe Biden's party <u>surfaced as House Bill 4876</u> on February 7 when Stava-Murray introduced an amendment to two statutes governing child abuse and access of minors to healthcare.

"Gender-affirming" care means surgical mutilation such as mastectomies and vaginectomies and penectomies and orchiectomies, along with life-altering hormones that could ruin a child forever.



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The Law, the Amendment

The laws to be amended are the <u>Abused and Neglected Child Reporting</u> and <u>Consent by Minors to</u> <u>Health Care Services</u> acts.

<u>Stava-Murray would add</u> this language to those laws, the second of which permits minors to receive medical care without parental consent:

Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that "abused child" means a child whose parent or immediate family member, or any person responsible for the child's welfare, or any individual residing in the same home as the child, or a paramour of the child's parent denies the child access to necessary medical care, including, but not limited to, primary care services, abortion services, or gender-affirming services. Amends the Consent by Minors to Health Care Services Act. Specifies that consent to the performance of abortion services and gender-affirming services executed by a minor is not voidable because of such minority. Provides that a health care professional rendering abortion services and gender-affirming services shall not incur civil or criminal liability for failure to obtain valid consent or professional discipline for failure to obtain valid consent if the health care professional relied in good faith on representations made by the minor.

Translated from the legalese, Stava-Murray's amendment says this: Any parent who tries to stop a daughter from getting an abortion, or a son or daughter from seeking surgical or chemical mutilation, could go to jail on abuse charges.

A <u>law firm in Joliet explains</u> the state's child abuse law this way:

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Child neglect and abandonment: ... The failure of a parent or a guardian to provide basic necessities, such as food, clothing, *medical care*, shelter, or adequate supervision for his or her child. Abandonment is physically leaving a child alone. Child neglect is usually charged as a misdemeanor, while abandonment may be a Class 4 felony. Subsequent offenses are Class 3 felonies.

Domestic violence: ... Anyone who hits, kicks, chokes, harasses, threatens, or interferes with the personal liberty of a household or family member has broken the law. This type of crime can also include *verbal abuse, or inflicting emotional or psychological damage to a child through yelling or berating comments.* In Illinois, child abuse is automatically charged as aggravated battery, punishable as a Class X felony, with a possible 30-year prison sentence if convicted. [Emphasis added throughout.]

Given that the Trans Cult and its Democratic enablers view parents' refusal to support cross-dressing and "gender-affirming care" as neglect and emotional abuse, they will likely be charged with at least a misdemeanor, if not a felony.

The latter could invite a \$25,000 fine, <u>another website says</u>.

So also with the Abortion Lobby. It will claim that parents who refuse to permit a daughter to murder her child are abusers.

Oddly, the <u>child abuse statute also</u> defines "abused child" as the child of a parent or other person who "inflicts, causes to be inflicted, or allows to be inflicted upon such child physical injury, by other than accidental means, which causes death, disfigurement, impairment of physical or emotional health, or loss or impairment of any bodily function."

"Gender-affirming" care, which includes mutilations and hormone poisoning, not only causes the "loss or impairment ... of bodily function," but also wrecks a person's "physical and emotional" health. Those facts are the basis of lawsuits against physicians who provide "gender-affirming care."

The law also prohibits the barbaric Islamic practice of female circumcision.

Stava-Murray's amendment will likely become law. The abortion-obsessed, tranny-controlled Democratic Party <u>holds the majority</u> in both houses of the Illinois General Assembly. Democrat Jay Pritzker is governor.

Christian and other concerned parents might consider leaving the state.

Regrets From the Mutilated

The reason: As <u>The New American reported</u> earlier today, a Catholic couple from Indiana wants the U.S. Supreme Court to overrule a decision from the state's courts that permitted the Department of Child Services to seize their son because refusing to affirm his "identity" as a girl, and not providing "gender-affirming care," was abusive. He was a boy who claimed to be a girl.

If Stava-Murray's amendment becomes law, Illinois would most certainly do the same thing.

Long-term, the amendment will most certainly end in the medical abuse of minors.

A 50-year-old "transgender woman" who underwent "gender-affirming" care regrets the decision, and he opted for the treatment when he was 19. <u>He wrote</u> in *The Washington Post* that even then he was "too young."



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"As a teenager, I was repelled by the thought of having biological children, but in my vision of the adult future, I imagined marrying a man and adopting a child," he wrote:

The sacrifices I made seemed irrelevant to the teenager I was: someone with gender dysphoria, yes, but also anxiety and depression. The most severe cause of dread came from my own body. I was not prepared for puberty, nor for the strong sexual drive typical for my age and sex.

Surgery unshackled me from my body's urges, but the destruction of my gonads introduced a different type of bondage. From the day of my surgery, I became a medical patient and will remain one for the rest of my life. I must choose between the risks of taking exogenous estrogen, which include venous thromboembolism and stroke, or the risks of taking nothing, which includes degeneration of bone health. In either case, my risk of dementia is higher, a side effect of eschewing testosterone.

Two women who falsely believed they were men also regret "transitioning," and <u>have sued</u> the doctors who mutilated them.



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