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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the use of taxpayer funds for inmate gender-  
2 confirmation surgery and hormone therapy.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Inmate Sex  
7 Change Prevention Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Gender-confirmation surgery." Any of the several surgical  
13 procedures that transgender persons may undergo in order to  
14 obtain the physical characteristics that match their gender  
15 identity.

16 "Inmate." A person committed to a term of imprisonment or  
17 otherwise confined under the custody of the Commonwealth in a

1 State correctional institution.

2 Section 3. Prohibition and costs.

3 (a) Prohibition.--No expenditure for an inmate's gender-  
4 confirmation surgery or hormone therapy shall be made by the  
5 Department of Corrections or any other Commonwealth agency,  
6 directly or indirectly, from money appropriated, executively  
7 authorized or otherwise made available from the General Fund or  
8 a special fund that is comprised of money collected by a tax  
9 imposed by the Commonwealth or other revenues or receipts  
10 received by the Commonwealth from taxpayers.

11 (b) Costs.--Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
12 contrary, if gender-confirmation surgery or hormone therapy is  
13 approved or recommended by the medical provider of an inmate  
14 diagnosed with gender dysphoria, the inmate shall be responsible  
15 for the payment of all costs associated with the gender-  
16 confirmation surgery or hormone therapy.

17 Section 4. Effective date.

18 This act shall take effect in 60 days.