LGBTQ Youth: Conversion “Therapy” Laws

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Background
Conversion “therapy” laws prohibit state-licensed mental health practitioners from subjecting LGBTQ minors to conversion “therapy” – a set of harmful, dangerous, and discredited practices that attempt to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity. These laws do not restrict the practice among religious clergy or other non-state-licensed individuals.

Equality Map & Additional Resources
- See our Equality Map: Conversion “Therapy” Laws, which is updated and maintained in real-time alongside this document.
- See also MAP’s 2017 report LGBT Policy Spotlight Report: Conversion Therapy Bans.

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### Negative law: States that prohibit local-level conversion “therapy” bans

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SB350  
2023

### Negative law: States in judicial circuit with a court ruling preventing enforcement of local-level conversion “therapy” bans

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Otto v. City of Boca Raton  
2020
Chronology

Order of Full Bans
(by date of governor signature or administrative filing; not by effective date)

2012

2013
2. New Jersey – A3371 – August 19, 2013

2014

2015

2016

2017
7. New Mexico – SB1212 – April 7, 2017

2018
12. Maryland – SB1028 – May 15, 2018
13. Hawai`i – SB270 – May 25, 2018
14. New Hampshire – HB587 – June 8, 2018
15. Delaware – SB65 – July 23, 2018

2019
17. Massachusetts – H140 – April 8, 2019
18. Maine – LD1025 – May 29, 2019
20. Utah – UAC R156.60 – December 15, 2019

2020
21. Virginia – HB386 – March 2, 2020
2023
   Utah – HB228 – March 22, 2023 (codifying earlier regulations)
22. Minnesota – HF16 – April 27, 2023
23. Michigan – HB4616, HB4617 – July 26, 2023

Order of Partial Bans
(by date of governor signature or administrative filing; not by effective date)

2016
   1. New York – Regulations – February 6, 2016 (later, 2019 legislation fully banned the practice)

2019
   2. Puerto Rico – Executive Order 2019-016 (Spanish) (English)– March 27, 2019
   3. North Carolina – Executive Order 97 – August 3, 2019

2021
   4. Wisconsin – Executive Order 122 – June 1, 2021
   5. North Dakota – Regulations – June 8, 2021

2022
   8. Pennsylvania – Executive Order 2022-02 – August 16, 2022

2023
State-by-State Sources & More Detail

Alabama
- State is in federal judicial circuit with a preliminary injunction currently preventing enforcement of conversion “therapy” bans
- See *Otto v. City of Boca Raton* (2020)

Alaska
- No law

Arizona
- (0.75) State partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *Executive Order 2023-13* (2023), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors

Arkansas
- No law

California
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *SB1172* (2012)

Colorado
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *HB19-1129* (2019)

Connecticut
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *HB6695* (2017)

Delaware
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *SB65* (2018)

District of Columbia
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See *B20-0501* (2014)

Florida
- State is in federal judicial circuit with a preliminary injunction currently preventing enforcement of conversion “therapy” bans
- See *Otto v. City of Boca Raton* (2020)
Georgia
- State is in federal judicial circuit with a preliminary injunction currently preventing enforcement of conversion “therapy” bans
- See Otto v. City of Boca Raton (2020)

Hawai’i
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See SB270/Act 13 (2018); clarified HB664 (2019).

Idaho
- No law

Illinois
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See HB0217 (2015) (sexual orientation defined in state law to include gender identity)

Indiana
- (-1) State law prohibits bans on conversion “therapy” for minors
- See SB350 (2023) and Indiana Code 25-23.6-2-8.5

Iowa
- No law

Kansas
- No law

Kentucky
- No law

Louisiana
- No law

Maine
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See LD1025 (2019)

Maryland
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See SB1028 (2018)

Massachusetts
- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See H140 (2019)
Michigan
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HB4616 and HB4617 (2023)
  • See earlier Executive Directive No. 2021-3 (June 2021), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors (“partial” ban)

Minnesota
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HF16 (2023), and see also Executive Order 21-25 (July 2021), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors (“partial” ban)

Mississippi
• No law

Missouri
• No law

Montana
• No law

Nebraska
• No law

Nevada
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See SB201 (2017)

New Hampshire
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HB587 (2018)

New Jersey
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See A3371 (2013)

New Mexico
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See SB121 (2017)
New York
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See SB1046 (2019)
  • Previously, state regulations partially banned the practice. In February 2016, Gov. Cuomo announced regulations that restricted conversion “therapy” by banning public and private health care insurers from covering the practice in the State. It also prohibited various mental health facilities across the state from conducting the practice on minors. State law did not fully ban the practice until 2019.

North Carolina
• (0.75) State partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See Executive Order No. 97 (Aug 2019), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors

North Dakota
• (0.75) State partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See Administrative Rules Committee vote adding Section 75.5-02-06.1 (June 2021), using licensing regulations to prohibit licensed social workers only (i.e., not all licensed mental health providers) from practicing conversion “therapy”

Ohio
• No law

Oklahoma
• No law

Oregon
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HB2307 (2015)

Pennsylvania
• (0.75) State partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See Executive Order 2022-02 (August 2022), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors, and other prohibitions and directives

Rhode Island
• (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See H5277A (2017)

South Carolina
• No law

South Dakota
• No law
Tennessee
  • No law

Texas
  • No law

Utah
  • (1) State law and licensing regulations ban conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HB228 (2023), codifying regulations in UAC R156-60 (2020) (see also Utah State Bulletin 2019-24, p65-70; rule went into effect January 2020, updated November 2020)

Vermont
  • (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See S132 (2016)

Virginia
  • (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See HB386 (2020)

Washington
  • (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See SB5722 (2018)

West Virginia
  • No law

Wisconsin
  • (0.75) State partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
  • See Executive Order No. 122 (June 2021), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors

Wyoming
  • No law

U.S. Territories

American Samoa
  • No law

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
  • No law
Guam

- No law

Puerto Rico:

- (0.75) Territory partially bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See OE-2019-016 [Spanish] [English] (March 2019), an executive order requiring institutions seeking medical licensure to certify they will not offer conversion “therapy”

U.S. Virgin Islands

- No law