

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Human Services to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 132 entitled “An act relating to the prohibition of conversion therapy on
4 minors” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended in Sec. 2, in
6 18 V.S.A. § 8351, by striking out subdivision (1) in its entirety and inserting in
7 lieu thereof as follows:

8 (1) “Conversion therapy” means any practice by a mental health care
9 provider that seeks to change an individual’s sexual orientation, including
10 efforts to change behaviors or gender expressions or to eliminate or reduce
11 sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward individuals of the same sex.

12 “Conversion therapy” does not include psychotherapies that:

13 (A) provide support to an individual undergoing gender
14 transition; and

15 (B) provide acceptance, support, and understanding of clients or the
16 facilitation of clients’ coping, social support, and identity exploration and
17 development, including sexual-orientation-neutral interventions to prevent or
18 address unlawful conduct or unsafe sexual practices without seeking to change
19 an individual’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

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1 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE