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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](#).

Summary Table

Category	Count	List	Source	Year
States that ban conversion “therapy” for minors	22 states + D.C.	California	SB1172	2012
		Colorado	HB19-1129	2019
		Connecticut	HB6695	2017
		Delaware	SB65	2018
		District of Columbia	B20-0501	2014
		Hawai`i	SB270	2018
		Illinois	HB217	2015
		Maine	LD1025	2019
		Maryland	SB1028	2018
		Massachusetts	H140	2019
		Michigan	HB4616 , HB4617	2023
		Minnesota	HF16	2023
		Nevada	SB201	2017
		New Hampshire	HB587	2018
		New Jersey	A3371	2013
		New Mexico	SB1212	2017
		New York	SB1046	2019
		Oregon	HB2307	2015
		Rhode Island	H5277A	2017
		Utah	UAC R156.60 (regulation) HB228 (legislation)	2019 2023
Vermont	S132	2016		
Virginia	HB386	2020		
Washington	SB5722	2018		
States that partially ban conversion “therapy” for minors	5 states + 1 territory	Arizona	Executive Order 2023-13	2023
		Michigan	Executive Directive 2021-3	2021
		North Carolina	Executive Order 97	2019
		North Dakota	Regulations	2021
		Pennsylvania	Executive Order 2022-02	2022
		Puerto Rico	Executive Order 2019-16	2019
		Wisconsin	Executive Order 122	2021



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<p>States with no conversion “therapy” law</p>	<p>19 states + 4 territories</p>	<p>Alaska Arkansas Idaho Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Ohio Oklahoma South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas West Virginia Wyoming</p> <p>American Samoa Guam Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Virgin Islands</p>		
<p>Negative law: States that prohibit local-level conversion “therapy” bans</p>	<p>1 state</p>	<p>Indiana</p>	<p>SB350</p>	<p>2023</p>
<p>Negative law: States in judicial circuit with a court ruling preventing enforcement of local-level conversion “therapy” bans</p>	<p>3 states (1 circuit)</p>	<p>Alabama Florida Georgia</p>	<p>Otto v. City of Boca Raton</p>	<p>2020</p>



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Chronology

Order of Full Bans

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

2012

1. California – [SB1172](#) – September 30, 2012

2013

2. New Jersey – [A3371](#) – August 19, 2013

2014

3. District of Columbia – [B20-0501](#) – December 22, 2014

2015

4. Oregon – [HB2307](#) – May 8, 2015
5. Illinois – [HB217](#) – August 20, 2015

2016

6. Vermont – [S132](#) – May 25, 2016

2017

7. New Mexico – [SB1212](#) – April 7, 2017
8. Connecticut – [HB6695](#) – May 10, 2017
9. Nevada – [SB201](#) – May 17, 2017
10. Rhode Island – [H5277A](#) – July 19, 2017

2018

11. Washington – [SB5722](#) – March 28, 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

16. New York – [SB1046](#) – January 25, 2019
17. Massachusetts – [H140](#) – April 8, 2019
18. Maine – [LD1025](#) – May 29, 2019
19. Colorado – [HB19-1129](#) – May 31, 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
- 6. Michigan – [Executive Directive 2021-3](#) – June 14, 2021 (later, 2023 legislation fully banned the practice)
- 7. Minnesota – [Executive Order 21-25](#) – July 15, 2021 (later, 2023 legislation fully banned the practice)

2022

- 8. Pennsylvania – [Executive Order 2022-02](#) – August 16, 2022

2023

- 9. Arizona – [Executive Order 2023-13](#) – June 27, 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



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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