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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	23 states + D.C.	California	<a href="#">SB1172</a>	2012
		Colorado	<a href="#">HB19-1129</a>	2019
		Connecticut	<a href="#">HB6695</a>	2017
		Delaware	<a href="#">SB65</a>	2018
		District of Columbia	<a href="#">B20-0501</a>	2014
		Hawai`i	<a href="#">SB270</a>	2018
		Illinois	<a href="#">HB217</a>	2015
		Maine	<a href="#">LD1025</a>	2019
		Maryland	<a href="#">SB1028</a>	2018
		Massachusetts	<a href="#">H140</a>	2019
		Michigan	<a href="#">HB4616</a> , <a href="#">HB4617</a>	2023
		Minnesota	<a href="#">HF16</a>	2023
		Nevada	<a href="#">SB201</a>	2017
		New Hampshire	<a href="#">HB587</a>	2018
		New Jersey	<a href="#">A3371</a>	2013
		New Mexico	<a href="#">SB1212</a>	2017
		New York	<a href="#">SB1046</a>	2019
		Oregon	<a href="#">HB2307</a>	2015
		Pennsylvania	<a href="#">Regulation</a>	2024
		Rhode Island	<a href="#">H5277A</a>	2017
		Utah	<a href="#">UAC R156.60</a> (regulation) <a href="#">HB228</a> (legislation)	2019 2023
		Vermont	<a href="#">S132</a>	2016
		Virginia	<a href="#">HB386</a>	2020
		Washington	<a href="#">SB5722</a>	2018
States that partially ban conversion “therapy” for minors	4 states + 1 territory	Arizona	<a href="#">Executive Order 2023-13</a>	2023
		North Carolina	<a href="#">Executive Order 97</a>	2019
		North Dakota	<a href="#">Regulations</a>	2021
		Puerto Rico	<a href="#">Executive Order 2019-16</a>	2019
		Wisconsin	<a href="#">Executive Order 122</a>	2021



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



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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
22. Wisconsin – [Regulations](#) – December 2020 (later, [2021 efforts](#) blocked this ban)



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## 2022

Wisconsin – [Regulations](#) – December 1, 2022 (later, [2023 efforts](#) again blocked this ban)

## 2023

Utah – [HB228](#) – March 22, 2023 (codifying earlier regulations)

23. Minnesota – [HF16](#) – April 27, 2023 (building on 2021 executive order)

24. Michigan – [HB4616](#), [HB4617](#) – July 26, 2023 (building on 2021 executive order)

## 2024

25. Pennsylvania – [Regulations](#) – May 2024 (building on 2022 executive order)

### 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 (later, 2024 regulations fully banned the practice)

## 2023

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

## 2024

10. Kentucky – [Executive Order 2024-632](#) – September 18, 2024 (later, 2025 legislation overturned/voided this order)



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## 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)



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#### 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
- Formerly, (0.75) State partially banned conversion “therapy” for minors. See [Executive Order 2024-632](#) (2024), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors, and other prohibitions and directives. However, [HB495](#) (2025) voided this order and prohibited similar ones through 2028 (the end of the current governor’s term).

#### 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), and see also 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 earlier [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)





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#### 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

- (1) State law bans conversion “therapy” for minors
- See five relevant state administrative boards’ [adopted policies](#) (2024) prohibiting the use of conversion “therapy,” which the [Trevor Project](#) referred to as a comprehensive ban.
  - [State Board of Medicine Statement of Policy](#), 54 Pa.B.3162
  - [State Board of Nursing Statement of Policy](#), 54 Pa.B. 3163
  - [State Board of Osteopathic Medicine](#), 54 Pa.B. 3165
  - [State Board of Psychology Statement of Policy](#), 54 Pa.B. 3167
  - [State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors Statement of Policy](#), 54 Pa.B. 3169
- See also earlier [Executive Order 2022-02](#) (August 2022), prohibiting the use of state funds for conversion “therapy” for minors, and other prohibitions and directives (“partial” ban).



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#### 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
- Formerly, (1) state fully banned conversion “therapy” for minors via regulations. See [CR 19-166](#) (effective Dec 2020 – Jan 2021, and again Dec 2022 to Jan 2023). As reported [here](#) and [here](#), the regulations were approved by the governor in February 2020 and went into effect in December 2020, before being blocked by a legislative committee in January 2021. The committee’s tactics kept the ban blocked through the end of the 2021-2022 legislative session. In December 2022, the ban was briefly reinstated, but in January 2023, the legislature again blocked the ban for the rest of the 2023-24 legislative session.
  - The governor filed a lawsuit (Oct 2023) against these blocks, arguing the actions constituted an [unconstitutional “legislative veto”](#) that infringed on the power of the executive branch. The case is currently before the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

## 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