

# One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB231

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 26, 2021**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 231 would prohibit health care professionals from practicing conversion therapy on minors in Nebraska. Conversion therapy is a practice that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity.

The bill makes conversion therapy performed on minors a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Credentialing Act for any professional holding a credential under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act, the Mental Health Practice Act, the Nurse Practice Act, the Pharmacy Practice Act, or the Psychology Practice Act. In other words, any health care professional regulated by one of the above acts would be subject to losing their license for practicing conversion therapy on a minor.

The bill contains an exception for practice or treatment provided by a clergy member or religious counselor acting in a pastoral or religious capacity and not as a health care professional.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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