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To amend section 116 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to genital and bodily mutilation and chemical castration of minors.

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Ms. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mr. CRANE, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. BICE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. BURLISON, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. OGLES, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CLYDE, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALMER, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. COMER, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. McDOWELL, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, and Mr. GOODEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. RULLI, Mr. GUEST, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GOSAR, and Mrs. HINSON

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Protect Children’s Inno-*
 5 *cence Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. GENITAL AND BODILY MUTILATION OF A MINOR;**

7 **CHEMICAL CASTRATION OF A MINOR.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 116 of title 18, United*
 9 *States Code, is amended to read as follows:*

10 **“§116. Genital and bodily mutilation of a minor;**

11 **chemical castration of a minor**

12 *“(a) GENITAL OR BODILY MUTILATION.—Except as*
 13 *provided in subsection (g), whoever, in any circumstance*
 14 *described in subsection (d), knowingly performs, or at-*
 15 *tempts to perform, genital or bodily mutilation on another*
 16 *person who is a minor, shall be fined under this title, im-*
 17 *prisoned not more than 10 years, or both.*

18 *“(b) CHEMICAL CASTRATION OF A MINOR.—Except as*
 19 *provided in subsection (g), whoever, in any circumstance*
 20 *described in subsection (d), knowingly chemically castrates*
 21 *a minor shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more*
 22 *than 10 years, or both.*

23 *“(c) CERTAIN OFFENSE RELATED TO FEMALE GEN-*
 24 *ITAL MUTILATION.—Except as provided in subsection (g),*

1 *whoever, in any circumstance described in subsection (d),*
2 *knowingly—*

3 *“(1) facilitates or consents to female genital mu-*
4 *tilation of a minor; or*

5 *“(2) transports a minor for the purpose of the*
6 *performance of female genital mutilation on such*
7 *minor,*

8 *shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than*
9 *10 years, or both.*

10 *“(d) CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED.—For the purposes*
11 *of subsections (a) and (b), the circumstances described in*
12 *this subsection are that—*

13 *“(1) the defendant or victim traveled in inter-*
14 *state or foreign commerce, or traveled using a means,*
15 *channel, facility, or instrumentality of interstate or*
16 *foreign commerce, in furtherance of or in connection*
17 *with the conduct described in subsection (a) or (b);*

18 *“(2) the defendant used a means, channel, facil-*
19 *ity, or instrumentality of interstate or foreign com-*
20 *merce in furtherance of or in connection with the con-*
21 *duct described in subsection (a) or (b);*

22 *“(3) any payment of any kind was made, di-*
23 *rectly or indirectly, in furtherance of or in connection*
24 *with the conduct described in subsection (a) or (b)*
25 *using any means, channel, facility, or instrumen-*

1 *tality of interstate or foreign commerce or in or af-*
2 *fecting interstate or foreign commerce;*

3 *“(4) the defendant transmitted in interstate or*
4 *foreign commerce any communication relating to or*
5 *in furtherance of the conduct described in subsection*
6 *(a) or (b) using any means, channel, facility, or in-*
7 *strumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or in*
8 *or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any*
9 *means or in manner, including by computer, mail,*
10 *wire, or electromagnetic transmission;*

11 *“(5) any instrument, item, substance, or other*
12 *object that has traveled in interstate or foreign com-*
13 *merce was used to perform the conduct described in*
14 *subsection (a) or (b);*

15 *“(6) the conduct described in subsection (a) or*
16 *(b) occurred within the special maritime and terri-*
17 *torial jurisdiction of the United States, or any terri-*
18 *tory or possession of the United States; or*

19 *“(7) the conduct described in subsection (a) or*
20 *(b) otherwise occurred in or affected interstate or for-*
21 *ign commerce.*

22 *“(e) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN DEFENSE.—It shall*
23 *not be a defense to a prosecution under subsection (a) that*
24 *female genital mutilation is required as a matter of reli-*
25 *gion, custom, tradition, ritual, or standard practice.*

1 “(f) *PROHIBITION ON PROSECUTION OF VICTIM.*—No
 2 *person who is chemically castrated or on whom genital or*
 3 *bodily mutilation is performed may be arrested or pros-*
 4 *ecuted for an offense under this section.*

5 “(g) *EXCEPTIONS.*—

6 “(1) *PROCEDURES.*—

7 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Genital or bodily muti-*
 8 *lation or chemical castration is not a violation*
 9 *of this section if such genital or bodily mutila-*
 10 *tion or chemical castration is—*

11 “(i) *necessary to the health of the*
 12 *minor on whom it is conducted, and is con-*
 13 *ducted by a person licensed in the place of*
 14 *such conduct as a medical practitioner; or*

15 “(ii) *in the case of female genital muti-*
 16 *lation, performed on a minor in labor or*
 17 *who has just given birth and is performed*
 18 *for medical purposes connected with that*
 19 *labor or birth by a person licensed in the*
 20 *place it is performed as a medical practi-*
 21 *tioner, midwife, or person in training to be-*
 22 *come such a practitioner or midwife.*

23 “(B) *HEALTH OF A MINOR.*—*For the pur-*
 24 *poses of subparagraph (A), the health of a minor*
 25 *does not include—*

1 “(i) mental, behavioral, or emotional
2 distress; or

3 “(ii) a mental, behavioral, or emo-
4 tional disorder.

5 “(2) *EXEMPTION.*—Genital or bodily mutilation
6 or chemical castration is not a violation of this sec-
7 tion if such genital or bodily mutilation or chemical
8 castration is conducted with respect to any of the fol-
9 lowing individuals:

10 “(A) An individual with both ovarian and
11 testicular tissue.

12 “(B) An individual with respect to whom a
13 physician has determined through genetic or bio-
14 chemical testing that the individual does not
15 have normal sex chromosome structure, sex ster-
16 oid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone
17 action.

18 “(C) An individual experiencing infection,
19 disease, injury, or disorder caused or exacerbated
20 by a previous genital or bodily mutilation proce-
21 dure or chemical castration.

22 “(D) An individual suffering from a phys-
23 ical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness
24 that would, as certified by a physician, place the
25 individual in imminent danger of impairment of

1 *a major bodily function unless the procedure is*
 2 *performed.*

3 “(E) *An individual diagnosed with pre-*
 4 *cocious puberty, to the extent such genital or*
 5 *bodily mutilation or chemical castration is for*
 6 *the purpose of normalizing puberty.*

7 “(h) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

8 “(1) *GENITAL OR BODILY MUTILATION.—The*
 9 *term ‘genital or bodily mutilation’ means, with re-*
 10 *spect to an individual, any of the following:*

11 “(A) *Female genital mutilation.*

12 “(B) *Any surgery performed for the purpose*
 13 *of changing the body of such individual to cor-*
 14 *respond to a sex that differs from their biological*
 15 *sex, including—*

16 “(i) *castration;*

17 “(ii) *orchiectomy;*

18 “(iii) *scrotoplasty;*

19 “(iv) *vasectomy;*

20 “(v) *hysterectomy;*

21 “(vi) *oophorectomy;*

22 “(vii) *ovariectomy;*

23 “(viii) *metoidioplasty;*

24 “(ix) *penectomy;*

25 “(x) *phalloplasty;*

1 “(xi) vaginoplasty;
2 “(xii) vaginectomy;
3 “(xiii) vulvoplasty;
4 “(xiv) reduction thyrochondroplasty;
5 “(xv) chondrolaryngoplasty; and
6 “(xvi) mastectomy.

7 “(C) Any plastic surgery that feminizes or
8 masculinizes the facial or other physiological fea-
9 tures for the purposes described in subparagraph
10 (B).

11 “(D) Any placement of chest implants to
12 create feminine breasts for the purposes described
13 in subparagraph (B).

14 “(E) Any placement of fat or artificial im-
15 plants in the gluteal region for the purposes de-
16 scribed in subparagraph (B).

17 “(F) Any surgery to reconstruct the fixed
18 part of the urethra, whether or not such surgery
19 includes a metoidioplasty or a phalloplasty, for
20 the purposes described in subparagraph (B).

21 “(2) CHEMICAL CASTRATION.— The term ‘chem-
22 ical castration’ means administering, supplying, pre-
23 scribing, dispensing, distributing, or otherwise con-
24 veying to an individual medications for the purposes
25 described in paragraph (1)(B), including—

1 “(A) gonadotropin-releasing hormone
2 (GnRH) analogues or other puberty-blocking
3 drugs to stop or delay normal puberty;

4 “(B) testosterone or other androgens to bio-
5 logical females at doses that are supraphysiologic
6 to the female sex; and

7 “(C) estrogen to biological males at doses
8 that are supraphysiologic to the male sex.

9 “(3) BIOLOGICAL SEX.—The term ‘biological sex’
10 means, with respect to a person, the classification of
11 the person as male or female at birth.

12 “(4) FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.—The term
13 ‘female genital mutilation’ means any procedure per-
14 formed for non-medical reasons that involves partial
15 or total removal of, or other injury to, the external fe-
16 male genitalia, and includes—

17 “(A) a clitoridectomy or the partial or total
18 removal of the clitoris or the prepuce or clitoral
19 hood;

20 “(B) excision or the partial or total removal
21 (with or without excision of the clitoris) of the
22 labia minora or the labia majora, or both;

23 “(C) infibulation or the narrowing of the
24 vaginal opening (with or without excision of the
25 clitoris); or

1 “(D) other procedures that are harmful to
2 the external female genitalia, including pricking,
3 incising, scraping, or cauterizing the genital
4 area.

5 “(5) MINOR.—The term ‘minor’ means any per-
6 son under the age of eighteen years.

7 “(6) MALE.—The term ‘male’ means a person
8 who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but
9 for a congenital anomaly, historical accident, or in-
10 tentional or unintentional disruption, the reproduc-
11 tive system that at some point produces, transports,
12 and utilizes sperm for fertilization.

13 “(7) FEMALE.—The term ‘female’ means a per-
14 son who naturally has, had, will have, or would have,
15 but for a congenital anomaly, historical accident, or
16 intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproduc-
17 tive system that at some point produces, transports,
18 and utilizes eggs for fertilization.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for
20 chapter 7 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by
21 striking the item related to section 116 and inserting the
22 following:

 “116. Genital and bodily mutilation of a minor; chemical castration of a minor.”.

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