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Introduced

House Bill 2972

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Committee on Health and Human Resources then the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §16-11A-1 and §16-11A-2, all relating to the restriction of public universities or
 3 university associated healthcare facilities from performing gender reassignment surgeries
 4 or gender affirming care upon minors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

**ARTICLE 11A. GENDER REASSIGNMENT SURGERY OR GENDER REAFFIRMING
 CARE TO MINORS PROHIBITED BY PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES.**

**§16-11A-1. Gender reassignment surgery prohibited by public universities or university
 associated facilities.**

1 Any minor seeking gender reassignment surgery before reaching 18 years of age shall be
 2 denied any such request by any licensed healthcare provider that provides services in this state
 3 under the name of a public university, such as West Virginia University Medicine, Marshall Health,
 4 or otherwise.

**§16-11A-2. Gender affirming care prohibited by public universities or university associated
 facilities.**

1 Any minor seeking gender affirming care before reaching 18 years of age shall be denied
 2 any such request by any licensed healthcare provider that provides services in this state under the
 3 name of a public university, such as West Virginia University Medicine, Marshall Health, or
 4 otherwise.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to restrict public universities or university associated healthcare facilities from performing gender reassignment surgeries or gender affirming care upon minors.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.