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HB 822: New Idaho Law on Pediatric Sexual and Social Transitioning

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Idaho's new Pediatric Secretive Transitions Parental Rights Act, Idaho Code § 32-1016, takes effect July 1, 2026. Its purpose is to “prohibit any health care provider or educational institution from facilitating a pediatric sex transition or social transition without informing and obtaining informed consent from a minor child’s parents or guardians.”¹ Violations may result in lawsuits for damages, civil fines of up to \$100,000, and adverse licensure action. Although perhaps well-intentioned, § 32-1016 is another worrisome example of a poorly written bill enacted without sufficient vetting, refinement, or consideration of the problems that covered entities and courts will face in its application.

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