

2023-24 Legislation Anne Stava proposed – then withdrew due to widespread protest against it:

Illinois State Representative Anne Stava-Murray (D-81st District) in 2024 introduced **HB 4876** that aimed to redefine child abuse to include denial of "gender-affirming services" to a minor.



Here are the details regarding her proposed legislation:

- **HB 4876 (2024):** This proposal aimed to amend the Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to **define a minor as abused if a parent or guardian denies them access to "gender-affirming services" or abortion services.**
- **Definition of Services:** The language in the bill did not explicitly define "gender-affirming services," but it **aimed to allow minors to consent to such services on their own.**
- **Parental Impact:** The proposal raised concerns among critics that it **could lead to parents losing custody of their children** or facing charges if they refused to approve puberty blockers, hormone therapy, or surgical procedures for their children.
- **Other Legislation (2024):** Stava-Murray also introduced HB 4567 to increase protections for library workers against threats and supported legislation (HB 2789) that penalizes libraries that ban books (**penalizes those that agree to remove pornography**).