
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 934 (Wiener) - Sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts: actions for recovery of damages: statute of limitations

Version: March 19, 2026
Urgency: No
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Policy Vote: JUD. 10 - 2
Mandate: No
Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: SB 934 would extend the timeframe within which to file an action arising from harm caused by the provision of sexual orientation or gender identity change efforts to a patient by a licensed mental health professional.

******* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *******

The following information is revised to reflect amendments adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Unknown, potentially significant to major costs to state entities which employed licensed mental health professionals to the extent litigation is successfully brought and entities are liable for damages (General Fund).

Unknown, potentially significant cost pressure to the courts to adjudicate new cases. While the superior courts are not funded on a workload basis, an increase in workload could result in delayed court services and would put pressure on the General Fund to fund additional staff and resources (Trial Court Trust Fund, General Fund).

Unknown, potentially significant to major costs to local entities which employed licensed mental health professionals to the extent litigation is successfully brought and entities are liable for damages.

To the extent successful litigation affects liability insurance premiums, local entities could experience unknown, potentially significant costs related to procuring liability insurance, apart from any specific claims (Local funds).

Potential damages, payable by state and local entities may include economic damages (medical expenses, lost earnings, etc.), noneconomic damages (pain and suffering, emotional distress, etc.), punitive damages if the defendant's conduct was willful or fraudulent and reasonable attorney's fees.

Author Amendments: Amend to clarify a licensing classification and amend dates for claims.

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