

Nevada bans discredited 'conversion therapy'

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At least nine states now ban "conversion therapy" for minors, a discredited method meant to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity, after Nevada and Connecticut this month joined others in prohibiting the practice.

Gov. Brian Sandoval of Nevada this month signed Senate Bill 201, making it illegal for any licensed medical or mental health care professional to provide sexual orientation or gender conversion therapy to anyone under 18 years of age, a statement from his office said.

"Conversion therapy has been disavowed by medical experts and is considered a non-effective method of treatment that can cause harm to an adolescent," Sandoval said. "This law will help protect some of our state's most vulnerable youth."

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