

## **Concern**

While many, including the current administration, may question the efficacy of providing medical treatment for gender dysphoria to individuals under the age of 18 years, such treatment is legal in most States with the consent of the parents or guardians. To universally declare gender dysphoria medical treatment a “substantially illegal activity” when in most intra-State medical treatment cases such treatment does not violate either State or federal law, does not comport with what is generally considered “substantially illegal activity.” Furthermore, in all the other specified cases of “substantially illegal activity,” they are defined as violations of law, not activities which are contrary to desired policies, as is “chemical castration or mutilation.”

Therefore, the Primary Negotiator of U.S. Military Service Members, Veterans, or Groups Representing Them proposes the following changes to the original Issue Paper language submitted by the Department (“2025 PSLF Issue Paper\_clean\_06.24.25.docx Final”).

## **Proposed Language**

(3) *Chemical castration or mutilation* means in violation of State or federal law –

(i) the use of puberty blockers, including GnRH agonists and other interventions, to delay the onset or progression of normally timed puberty in an individual who does not identify as his or her sex; and

(ii) the use of sex hormones, such as androgen blockers, estrogen, progesterone, or testosterone, to align an individual’s physical appearance with an identity that differs from his or her sex.

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(4) *Child or children* for the sole and specific purpose of this section means an individual or individuals under 18 years of age.