

Destigmatizing Transgender Healthcare in Alabama

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Background

The Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act

- approved by the Alabama Senate, awaiting decision from the House
- would ban puberty-blockers, hormone therapy, and surgery
 - doing so would be considered a felony

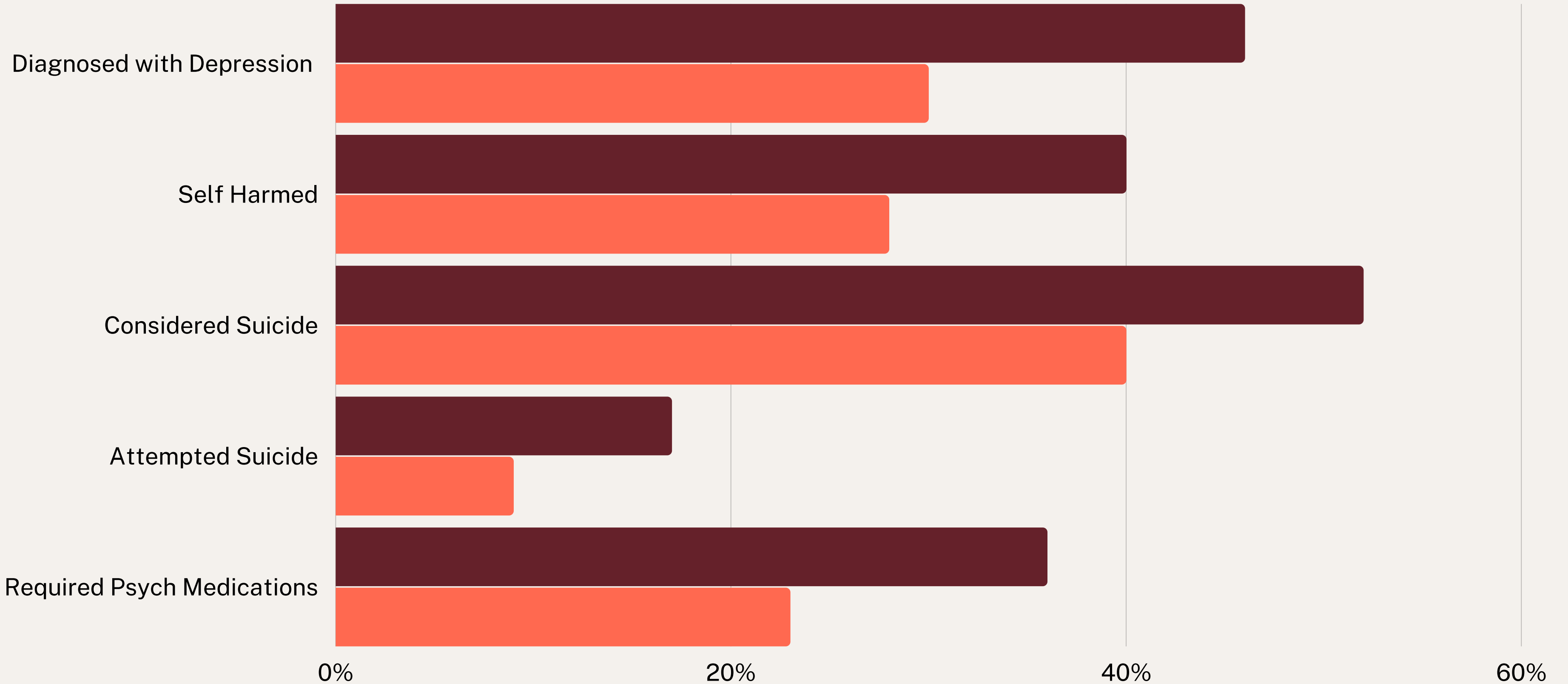
Children struggle to find the support from physicians

- Physicians often lack knowledge when it comes to transgender care
- No sufficient training programs



According to a 2020 study by The Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Children 10-15 (orange) compared to children over 15 (maroon)



Policy Option #1

Quota of Transgender Patients in Medical Schools

- Develop legislation that establishes quotas for teaching hospitals
- Includes transgender individuals in educational programs
 - Helps prevent lapses in communication
- Drawback: The curriculum will only target doctors in training.

Policy Option #2

Implementation of Education Programs for Certified Physicians

- “Optimizing Transgender Health: A Core Course for Health Care Providers”
 - A current program made by Fenway Health
- Drawback: Physicians are less likely to integrate the teachings into their practice



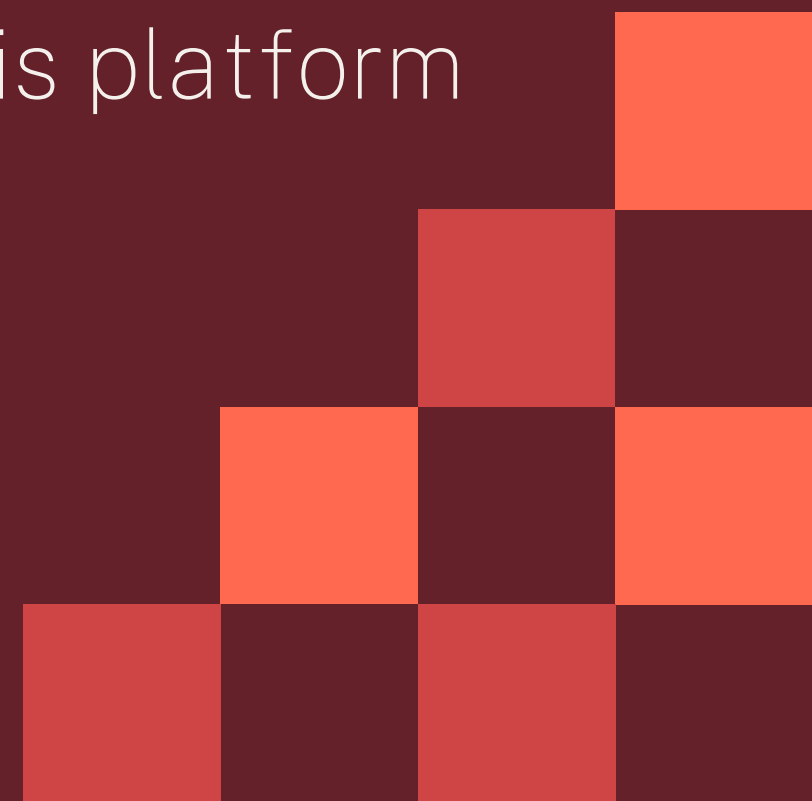
Policy Recommendation

Introducing a Quota of Transgender Patients in Medical Schools

- Less time intensive
- Less costly
- Increases knowledge and comfort level before treating any patients
- Transgender-identified actors/actresses would improve the curriculum
 - Are more aware of the actual issues physicians will encounter

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