

Amish Shah Supports Allowing Transgender Sex Change Surgeries For Minors

In 2022, Amish Shah Voted Against A Bill That Banned Gender Reassignment Surgeries From Being Conducted On An Individual Under The Age Of 18 In Arizona

On March 24, 2022, Amish Shah Voted Against SB 1138, A Bill That Bans Irreversible Gender Reassignment Surgeries On Minors. (SB1138, 55th Legislatures, Arizona House Of Representatives, Passed: 31-26; R:31-0; D: 0-26; Shah Voted Nay, [Legiscan](#), 3/24/22)

Arizona Senate Bill 1138 (<i>Prior Session Legislation</i>)			
AZ State Legislature page for SB1138			
Summary	Sponsors	Texts	Votes
For additional roll call votes on Arizona SB1138 please see the Vote List			
Bill Title: Irreversible gender reassignment surgery; minors			
Sponsorship: Partisan Bill (Republican 1)			
Status: (<i>Passed</i>) 2022-03-30 - Chapter 104 [SB1138 Detail]			
Text: Latest bill text (Chaptered) [HTML]			
Vote: House - Third Reading			
Vote	Tally	Democrat	Republican
Yea	31	-	31
Nay	26	26	-
Not Voting	3	3	-
Absent	-	-	-
TOTAL	60	29	31

Name	Yea	Nay	NV	Absent
Rep. Shah, Amish [D]		X		

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SB 1138 Completely Banned Surgeries For Minors For The Purpose Of Gender Transition Including Face Sculpting Procedures, Mastectomies, And Genital Reassignment Surgeries. “Republicans in the House pushed through legislative proposals that restrict transgender children’s access to girls sports and gender-affirming surgeries. Republican legislators defended the proposals as necessary legislative protections. Senate Bill 1138, in particular, elicited heated rhetoric. The bill would ban surgeries for minors performed for the purpose of a gender transition. That includes everything from face sculpting procedures, mastectomies, or genital reassignment surgeries. Rep. John Kavanagh, R-Fountain Hills, compared the latter to female genital mutilation, and questioned why there was any refusal from the Democrats to unanimously approve the measure in light of that.” (Gloria Rebecca Gomez, “GOP Lawmakers Send Ducey Bills Banning Gender Surgery, Girls’ Sports For Trans Kids,” [AZ Mirror](#), 3/24/22)

- **Certain Gender Reassignment Surgeries Are Irreversible.** “You’ll have to decide if the benefits will achieve your goals and if the risks and potential complications are

acceptable. Your mental health is very important. Surgery affects everyone differently. There is not enough research to say if feminizing genital surgery will improve or worsen your mental health or improve or alleviate your gender dysphoria. This surgery is considered permanent and may be impossible to reverse. Some patients later report regret about their decision to have gender surgery. There is not yet good data on the number of patients who regret their surgery or later detransition. Your plastic surgeon and/or staff will explain in detail the risks associated with surgery. You will be asked to sign consent forms to ensure that you fully understand the procedures you will undergo and any risks or potential complications.” (“What Are The Risks Of Feminizing Genital Surgery?”, [American Society Of Plastic Surgeons](#), Accessed 8/12/26)