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**News From Around PA**

A bill banning dismemberment abortion (**SB 3**) passed the State Senate. Three Republican Senators - Lisa Baker, Dan Laughlin, Chuck McIlhinney - voted with 15 of 16 Dems.

**Summit Children's Program** in Philly was sued for LGBT discrimination by a "transgender woman" (biological man). Summit settled out of court and recently instituted new policies to "insure fair and equal treatment of students and parents without regard to sexual preference, orientation or any other basis protected by law."

**Johnstown City Council** passed the first reading of two ordinances that would add "sexual orientation and gender identity" to an anti-discrimination ordinance and to the city's administrative

code and personnel ordinance. Votes on the second readings will be next month. Passage will open women's facilities to men.

LGBTQ Presidents in Higher Education have announced their third Institute designed to support LGBTQ leaders within higher ed. There are about 4,000 colleges/universities in the US and fewer than 75 gay/lesbian presidents. One of those is **Clarion University's President Karen Whitney.**

**News from National Scene**

Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Luxembourg, Finland and Cape Verde have joined the Netherlands to create a **global abortion fund** in response to President Trump reinstating the Mexico City Policy.

The **American Academy of Pediatrics** has recently declared abortion to be a "right" of adolescents and issued a sharp critique of parental consent and notification laws.

On the day Betsy DeVos was confirmed as Secretary of Education, **Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY)**

introduced a short one sentence bill (HR 899) to abolish that department.

The Boy Scouts of America will now allow "**transgender boys**" (biological girls). The National Organization for Women is now urging the BSA to allow girls who identify as girls to join also.

The Belle Plaine, MN council voted to **restore the cross to a steel sculpture** that is part of a war memorial. The Freedom From Religion Foundation has threatened to sue the city.

**The Grammys** will add a "transgender woman" (biological man) to its so-called trophy girls this year. We are a non-profit organization that is totally dependent upon financial gifts from our supporters. You can give online here <http://afaofpa.org/donate/>

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