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News From Around PA

HB 153, a constitutional amendment to **reduce the size of the State House** from 203 to 151, passed the Senate by a vote of 43-6. It has already passed the House, but must pass both the House and Senate again next legislative session before being voted on by the people.

PA **Department of Human Services** said it will not renew a license for the Berks County Residential Center if the facility continued to house federally detained immigrant families.

State House Judiciary Committee is expected to vote on whether to authorize an investigation into whether AG Kathleen Kane's "actions in office merit impeachment."

PA budget's fiscal code, basically the roadmap for how to spend the money, has \$41 million in earmarks!

News from National Scene

Cherry Hill School District in NJ has adopted a policy allowing transgender students to use the bathroom they choose.

Scholastic pulls new picture book. "A Birthday Cake for George Washington" was released Jan. 5 and had been strongly criticized for its upbeat images and story of Washington's cook, the slave Hercules and his daughter, Delia. Author Ramin Ganeshram and illustrator Vanessa Brantley-Newton pointed out the historical context of the 18th century story and the research the book was based upon.

US Rep. Duncan Hunter supports holding up the confirmation of Army secretary nominee Eric Fanning based on the Army's impending dismissal of a Green Beret. **Spc. Charles Martland** was removed from his post in Afghanistan and reprimanded after beating up an Afghan police commander working with

U.S. forces in 2011 after the commander kidnapped a young Afghan boy and raped him repeatedly. Hunter believes Martland should be permitted to remain in Army.

Stetson University law professor Joseph Morrissey is suing for a tax deduction of \$36,538 for **in vitro fertilization treatments** and the cost of a surrogate to carry twin boys for himself and his male partner.

Planet Fitness' policy permits transgender people to choose the locker room of the gender with which they identify. A lawsuit over the policy brought by a Michigan woman has been dismissed.

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