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News From Around PA

PA's **Attorney General Josh Shapiro** has joined 18 other Democrat AGs in signing onto a letter to Congress encouraging them to pass legislation to allow transgenders to serve openly in the military.

In response to one of their former vice principals, verbally assaulting and physically intimidating two pro-life teens expressing their views on the public sidewalk, **Downingtown Area School District** has settled out of court and agreed to clarify its administrative policies to ensure that public sidewalks surrounding its schools are open to free speech.

Philadelphia is one of the top grant getters of the **Byrne Justice Assistance Grants**. However under new rules

issued by the US Dept. of Justice, Philly and several other cities are likely to be disqualified if they maintain their sanctuary city policies.

The evidence finding phase of the case involving the **Boyertown Area School District** transgender-inclusive policy has begun and two of the four students bringing the suit against the district testified their privacy was being violated and constituted it as sexual harassment. One "trans male" who graduated in June testified that the district needed to keep the policy because he may attend school functions in the future. Next hearing is August 11th.

In 2014 the **W.W. Bridal Boutique** in Bloomsburg was approached by a lesbian couple asking that dresses be made for their upcoming "wedding." The owners refused stating their religious beliefs prohibited them. The same thing just happened earlier this month and they once again have had to temporarily close their doors because of the threats and will only see customers by appointment! The situation on Facebook has become so

intense, a pastor has stepped in to monitor their Facebook page. Remember if "actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity" are added to the PA Human Relations Act these business owners would be forced under penalty of law to make the dresses! HB 1410 and SB 613 are this session's attempts!

News from National Scene

The **US Dept. of Justice** has filed an amicus brief in a case involving the estate of a 'gay' man who had sued his former employer accusing them of firing him because he was 'gay.' The executors argued that the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans discrimination on the basis of "sex," applied to their homosexual client. The DOJ brief stated clearly that "sex" in Title VII does not refer to homosexuality.

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