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News From Around PA

PA's Insurance Commissioner Teresa Miller says **health insurance companies** cannot discriminate on the basis of gender identity. Private health insurance plans regulated by this department must cover "medically necessary" health care for transgenders" i.e. sex change operations.

The US Dept. of Education has posted a list of religious schools that have requested **exemptions under Title IX** between 2009 and 2016. This is in order to not be forced to provide gender neutral housing and bathrooms. Only two PA schools are listed: Geneva College and Lancaster Bible College.

Gov. Tom Wolf signed a bill at the **Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center** in Allentown that makes it easier for victims of intimate-

partner violence to get divorced. Domestic violence between same-sex partners is epidemic. The National Violence Against Women survey found that 21.5 percent of men and 35.4 percent of women living with a same-sex partner experienced intimate-partner physical violence in their lifetimes, compared with 7.1% and 20.4% for heterosexual men and women respectively.

News from National Scene

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback is withdrawing his state from the federal government's refugee relocation program because of security concerns. Despite the state's withdrawal, refugees will continue to be resettled in Kansas, federal officials said.

Missouri State University

"prohibits discrimination on the basis of religion or any other protected class." However, in 2014 a Christian honors student was thrown out of the Masters Counseling program because of his views on counseling homosexual couples. He is suing the university.

The **US Dept. of Justice** will stop using the "disparaging labels" "convict" and "felon" in official communications. Substitute terminology like "person who committed a crime" and "individual who was incarcerated" will be used.

Marion County School Board

in Florida voted 4-1 in favor of a resolution that requires students to use the restroom of their birth sex. Within days about 50 students were protesting the policy!

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary has suspended with pay **Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore**. He faces charges of violating judicial ethics in his opposition to same-sex marriage.

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