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**News From Around PA**

HR 4041, a bipartisan bill, was introduced in the US House. It would block President Trump's ban of **transgenders in the military**. Congressman Charlie Dent (PA-15) was one of two GOP congressmen to sign on.

Philly Sheriff Jewell Williams signed **"Interaction with Transgender Individuals"** which requires officers to address individuals by their chosen name and pronouns. If uncertain, the officer is to ask which pronouns an individual uses. These individuals, upon arrest, will fill out "Transgender /Gender-Variant Statement of Search" to indicate if they wish to be searched by a male or female officer. Four hours of training on the policy will take place today.

**PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro** has joined AGs from

CA, MA and WA in suing the Trump Administration over removing the birth control mandate in Obamacare allowing business owners with deeply held religious beliefs to not provide contraception coverage.

Governor Wolf has nominated current interim secretaries for the **Departments of Health, Insurance, Human Services and Drug and Alcohol Programs**. The acting secretary for Health, and now the nominee for that position, is transgender activist Dr. "Rachel" Levine!

PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro has joined 16 other state AGs in signing a **friend of the court brief** urging the US Supreme Court to take a case which seeks to expand the definition of 'sex' in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include "sexual orientation."

October 11th is **"National Coming Out Day"** and Philly Pride Presents held their annual Outfest on the 9th. The organizer noted that a decade ago most attendees were in their 30s or older, now they are aged 13 to 25.

**News from National Scene**

Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest homosexual lobby group, has spent \$8.5 million around Alabama in its effort to target **Bible Belt states** and it is "paying off." Birmingham just passed a homosexual special rights ordinance targeting those with deeply held religious beliefs about homosexuality.

US District Court has ruled the House of Representatives can continue **opening sessions in prayer** after being sued by the Freedom from Religion Foundation.

**Miami-Dade County** Board of Commissioners voted 7-4 to reject an ordinance which would ban counseling for minors with unwanted same-sex attraction.

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