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**News From Around PA**

The state legislature is considering a measure that would delay the planned April 26 ballot question regarding the mandatory retirement age of PA’s judges. There are concerns about the wording of the ballot question, but the PA Supreme Court is unwilling to alter the language.

The end of March the Transgender Day of Visibility was held at Norris Square Park in North Philly. Deputy Commissioner Myron Patterson, who took over as police LGBT liaison in January, stood next to Jo Mason during his speech. He held a sign that said "Proud Ally" over the transgender flag. Mason is the president of the Greater Philadelphia Gay Officer Action League.

Pine Richland School District (Allegheny County) does not have a specific policy on students who identify as transgender, but currently the district allows such students to use the bathroom of the gender they identify with, or a private bathroom, such as one in the nurse’s office. Some parents have expressed concerns about safety, others have hired lawyers to force the school to do more. An informational meeting is to be held on April 21st.

**News from National Scene**

The Michigan State Board of Education has proposed voluntary guidelines to “make LGBT students feel more comfortable,” including allowing students to use whichever bathroom “aligns with their sexual identity.” This is being pushed by the student president of one school’s Gay Straight Alliance Club. Surprise! Surprise!

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant signed the Religious Freedom Law which will “protect sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions of individuals, organizations and private associations from discriminatory action by state government or its political subdivisions, which would include counties, cities, and institutions of higher learning.” As he explained, it reinforces the right outlined in the First Amendment of the US Constitution.

**PayPal** has joined others in condemning NC’s law making men use the men’s bathroom and women use the women’s bathroom and announced it will not be bringing 400 jobs to that state.

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