



## **American Family Association of Pennsylvania Weekly Update**

### **Seeking to Expose Attacks on Faith, Family and Freedom with a few wins thrown in**

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#### **News from Around PA**

**Great Valley School District** (Chester County) is being investigated by the U.S. Department of Education over its transgender policies that allow biological males who identify as female to compete in girls' sports.

**Philadelphia Family Court Judge Mark B. Cohen** was suspended by the State Court of Judicial Discipline in October 2024 after a trial on whether his Facebook posts violated the state constitution and rules of conduct for judges. The PA Supreme Court recently upheld the suspension.

The **U.S. Department of Justice** has an ongoing investigation into Medicaid billing fraud for puberty blockers in Pennsylvania and several other states.

**Democrats in the General Assembly** want 16 and 17 year olds to be able to vote for school board members saying, "Communities in California, Maryland, Vermont, and New Jersey have already implemented

policies to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in their school board elections." If this becomes law, we see where PA is headed!

#### **News from National Scene**

The **Department of Health and Human Services** has ended the use of tissue from aborted babies in research projects funded by the agency.

A **409-page HHS report** states that psychotherapy, rather than so-called gender affirming care, has greater benefits for children with gender confusion. Leor Sapir, an HHS report author, said, "Fraud is not just a feature, or, I should say, it's not just something that happens in this field. It's almost fundamental to the field itself."

In January 2017, **then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo** announced that New York would require employers to not only pay for contraceptive drugs and devices but for "all medically necessary abortion services." While there was a religious exemption built into the mandate, it was extremely narrow. A coalition of Christian ministries sued and continually lost in NY courts;

the US Supreme Court took up their appeal in June 2025 and ordered the Court of Appeals of NY to reconsider the case. Finally on January 16<sup>th</sup>, New York agreed to surrender its effort to coerce the Christian plaintiffs into funding abortions.

**"Leigh" Finke, a Minnesota state representative**, who identifies as transgender, took to Facebook to compare the St Paul's Cities Church invasion to the 1989 ACT UP protest in St. Patrick's Cathedral calling it a form of "moral resistance," and praised the disruption and openly called for more of the same until ICE is forced out.

**Olympia, WA city council** moves to expand civil rights protections to include polyamory and non-monogamous households.

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