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News From Around PA

Just prior to Memorial Day, Attorney General Kathleen Kane’s seventh spokesman announced his plans to resign.

Lower Merion School District in Montgomery County has passed a transgender and gender expansive policy.

In a legal filing, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission expressed support for Philadelphia’s position that SEPTA should comply with the city’s sexual orientation/gender identity ordinance.

Pottsgrove School Board is preparing to write policies dealing with opioid overdoses and transgender students. It is located in Montgomery County and is currently looking at Springfield Township’s new transgender policy.

News from National Scene

Maya Dillard Smith, interim director of the Georgia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, has resigned over the ACLU’s support of transgender laws. She was one of the youngest ACLU directors in the nation, and one of only three African-Americans employed in that role.

She wrote about taking her elementary school age daughters into a women’s restroom and shortly after three transgender young adults, over six feet tall with deep voices, entered. “My children were visibly frightened, concerned about their safety and left asking lots of questions for which I, like many parents, was ill-prepared to answer,” she continued.

Fort Worth Independent School District leadership in Texas have been accused of ignoring parents’ concerns after implementing a transgender policy opening the girls’ facilities to boys and vice versa. That state’s lieutenant governor has demanded the superintendent resign.

Louisiana has become the sixth state to ban dismemberment abortions.

President Obama has appointed a transgender activist to the President’s Advisory Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

More than $22 billion per year in new regulatory costs were imposed on Americans last year, pushing the total burden for the Obama years to exceed $100 billion annually. In 2015, 2,353 new regulations were imposed, bringing the total to 20,642 since 2009.

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