



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

Officials representing 17 states and the District of Columbia have filed an amicus brief in support of **Philadelphia’s efforts** “to prevent LGBT bias within the city’s foster-care system.” In March the city stopped referring foster care children to Catholic Services because they will not place them with same-sex couples. The case is pending in the 3rd Circuit.

Homosexual activist **Adrian Shanker** has been unanimously confirmed by the State Senate to serve as a commissioner on the PA Human Relations Commission. He is the executive director of Allentown’s Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center.

Senator Bob Casey, Jr. has introduced a new bill that amends the Older Americans Act of 1965 to ensure “inclusion of LGBTQ seniors.” The bill would establish the **Office of Older LGBT Policy** in the Department of Health and Human Services to “conduct and arrange for research in the field of LGBT aging with a special emphasis

on gathering statistics on older LGBT individuals.”

A recently passed bill delays **Keystone Exams** as a graduation requirement until 2021-2022. The bill also tasks state education officials with developing a proficiency standard for students taking the test and gives school districts the ability to develop alternative ways for students to demonstrate proficiency without taking the test.

News From National Scene

Kelvin Cochran, a former Atlanta **“Fire Chief of the Year,”** has won a \$1.2 million settlement against the city for unlawfully firing him because of his biblical views on marriage. Even though it was a win for Chief Cochran and religious freedom, it was not a decisive vindication. The city attorney simply concluded it would cost more to appeal the ruling than to pay out the settlement.

Rachel McKinnon, an assistant professor of philosophy at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, won the women’s 35-39 age bracket at the 2018 **UCI Masters Track Cycling World Championships** in Los Angeles. The trouble is “she” is a biological male!

Fifth grade students at **Windsor State Street School** in Vermont were given a survey that

asked them about their sexual preferences, their biological sex and how they “identify” as and if they have had a “romantic relationship” in that past year that involved a “sexual partner.” All this without parental knowledge!!

Lake City, MI football fans, coaches and players formed a “family circle” on the football field **to pray for one of the coach’s daughters** who was hospitalized with a serious illness. A video of the moment was posted on Facebook; the Freedom From Religion Foundation saw it and complained to the school who begrudgingly removed the video upon the advice of legal counsel.

Gosnell: The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer is currently playing in theatres nationwide. Facebook has rejected some attempts to “boost” posts pertaining to the movie as advertisements.

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