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**News From Around PA**

Since October 1, 2015, 10,000 **Syrian refugees** have settled in the US. San Diego has received 626 Syrians, the largest number of any location. Erie, PA has received 205 Syrians.

A coalition of **atheists and secular groups** have brought a lawsuit against the PA state legislature, asserting its refusal to allow those who don't believe in God to lead the opening prayer before legislative sessions is discriminatory. They also claim that state police have intimidated them into standing during prayers in the statehouse, which they say is also discriminatory.

**Bruce Beemer**, former AG Kathleen Kane's First Deputy Attorney General and a whistleblower, has been unanimously confirmed as PA's next attorney general.

A South Philly homosexual man has filed a complaint with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations against **Summit Children's Program**. He alleges he suffered "harassment and antigay bias" in a June meeting held by Summit officials. Since then he feels uncomfortable and unwelcome twice a day, when he picks up his son.

PA state Department of Health and Human Services is finalizing new regulations to ensure **transgender Medicaid recipients** are provided "medically necessary transition services including gender-confirmation surgery, hysterectomy, hormonal therapy, breast reconstruction, penectomy, vaginoplasty, mastectomy, vaginal dilation and release of labial adhesions."

**News from National Scene**

Municipal Judge Ruth Neely in Wyoming is being targeted for removal for her refusal to perform **same-sex "marriages,"** even though this is not part of her responsibilities. She also serves as an unpaid part-time court magistrate and

this position allows for solemnizing marriage. However, the Commission on Judicial Conduct and Ethics wants her removed from both positions!

Senior military leaders continue expressing deep concerns that the launch of new **Pentagon** rules allowing transgenders to serve openly is moving too quickly.

A new **Barna Group** study found the majority of Americans now think cohabitation is a good idea. Two-thirds of adults were found to either somewhat or strongly agree that cohabitation was a good idea while one-third were found to somewhat or strongly disagree.

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