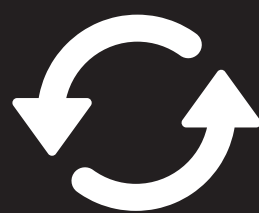




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HELP TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS NAVIGATE THE CURRENT NAME CHANGE PROCESS

SENATE BILL 526



The legislation would require the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to provide:

Accurate, publicly available information detailing the name change process and the steps required in a widely available, accessible format.

Dedicated and safe point of contact to help trans individuals navigate the name change process and connect with resources in their area.

Training so that all staff, judges, and administrators involved in the name change process are knowledgeable, competent, and affirming.

ELIMINATE NAME CHANGE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

SENATE BILL 528



THIS LEGISLATION WOULD MAKE THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE PROCESS MORE AFFORDABLE AND CREATE PRIVACY PROTECTIONS by removing the Title 54 requirements for publication and mandating the sealing of court records from the outset of the proceedings.



Removing the publication requirement and sealing court records are essential steps toward protecting transgender, non-binary, and gender-expansive Pennsylvanians and allowing them to live as their authentic selves.

REFORM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS FOR A NAME CHANGE

SENATE BILL 530



THIS LEGISLATION WOULD REPLACE THE ANTIQUATED JUDICIAL NAME CHANGE PROCESS IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH A SIMPLER, MORE STREAMLINED, AND LARGELY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS.

The current process for legally changing one's name is expensive, time-consuming, and fraught with danger for members of Pennsylvania's transgender community.

REMOVE SEX DESIGNATION FROM BIRTH CERTIFICATES

SENATE BILL 523



THIS LEGISLATION WOULD PROTECT INDIVIDUAL PRIVACY AND PREVENT DISCRIMINATION BY REMOVING SEX DESIGNATIONS ON PA BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

While the current administration has worked to address some of the difficulties of getting state issued IDs with gender neutral designations by simplifying the process on Driver's Licenses, there are still tremendous hurdles when it comes to the overall process for individuals to change their name and change their sex, particularly on birth certificates.

By removing sex designations entirely, we can remove the barriers of acquiring gender-affirming birth certificates.



OFFER TRANSGENDER NAME CHANGE ASSISTANCE GRANTS

SENATE BILL 524



LEGISLATION WOULD HELP TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS ADDRESS THEIR UNIQUE CHALLENGES WHEN GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS OF CHANGING THEIR NAMES BY ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE TO THESE INDIVIDUALS NAVIGATING THIS PROCESS.

Our legislation would direct that money be allocated, from the general fund, to establish a grant program, housed in DCED, for organizations, county governments, and municipal governments that assist transgender individuals in navigating the process of changing their names.