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<b><i>Sanctity of Life</i></b>						
<a href="#">HB118</a>	Unborn Child Dignity Act	Rep. Frank Ryan (R) District 101	Support	Life	Would ensure the burial or cremation of babies lost before birth. Deceased unborn infants deserve the same respect as other human beings.	05/25/21 Passed PA Health Committee (15 Y, 10 N)  06/09/21 Passed House (Y 118, 83 N)  Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee
<a href="#">HB1095</a>	Homicide for Killing Unborn Child	Rep. Rob Kaufman (R) District 89	Support	Life	An Act amending Title 42 of the PA Consolidated Statutes in sentencing, further providing for life imprisonment for homicide.	Passed House 6/08/21 (123 Y, 80 N)

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<a href="#">HB289</a>	Require abortion centers to post the results of state health inspections on their websites	Rep. Timothy O'Neal (R) District 48	Support	Life	This bill would protect the safety and quality of care for women.	01/27/21 Referred to House Committee
<a href="#">HB1500</a> <a href="#">SB21</a>	Ban the abortion of a baby solely for the reason of a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome	Rep. Kate Klunk (R) District 169	Support	Life	This bill will help restore a culture where all life is valued and welcomed. No one should receive a prenatal death sentence.	6/08/21 passed the House (Y 120, N 83) Referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee  06/22/2021 Passed the PA Senate Health & Human Services Committee (Y 7, N 4)  Full Senate to vote soon
<a href="#">HB904</a> <a href="#">SB378</a>	Ban abortion after fetal heartbeat is detected	Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (R) District 76  Sen. Doug Mastriano (R) District 33	Support	Life	This bill would provide Pennsylvania with better protection for the unborn. We have all experienced the significance of a beating heart. Whether it is at the bedside of a loved one passing from this life into the next or in the doctor's office hearing the heartbeat of a new life just beginning, with the passage of SB 378 and HB	05/25/21 House Health Committee Passed (Y 15, N 10)

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					904, that same indicator of life will finally be acknowledged and protected in the womb.	
<b>Education</b>						
<a href="#">HB1332</a>	Curriculum Transparency Bill would require public schools to post the curriculum plan, including textbooks online for parents to easily review before the school year starts.	Rep. Andrew Lewis (R) District 105	Support	Education	Too many parents have no idea what is being taught to their children until they see the homework. It is time to put this to an end and put parents in the driver's seat when it comes to education.	Pending: House Education Committee
<a href="#">HB1532</a>	Ban on Critical Race Theory	Rep. Russ Diamond (R) District 102	Support	Education	Our schools should be teaching that every individual is equal under the law and that no individual should ever be labeled superior or inferior simply due to race or genetic make, nor be held responsible for actions taken by others with similar traits.	Pending: Education Committee
<b>Sexual Exploitation</b>						
<a href="#">HB972</a>	This bill will protect opportunities for women and girls in athletics by ensuring women are not forced	Rep. Barb Gleim (R) District 199	Support	Education	The opportunity for girls to compete on a level playing field must be protected. Title IX was designed to stop discrimination and create equal athletic opportunities	Pending: House Education Committee

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	to compete against biological males playing on women's sports teams				for women.	
<a href="#">HB1147</a>	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It would expand the list of sexual offenses that obligate participation in a therapy program while incarcerated in order to decrease recidivism among sex traffickers.	Rep. Valerie Gaydos (R) District 144	Support	Sexual Exploitation	This bill will further protect victims of human trafficking	Passed House 05/28/21 (Y 183, N 18)  Referred to Senate Judiciary  06/22/21 Passed out of Judiciary (Y 14, N 0)  06/25/2021 Third Consideration and Final Senate Passage (Y 50 N 0)  06/28/2021 Presented to the Governor  06/30/2021 Approved by the Governor
<a href="#">HB753</a>	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It reclassifies the crime	Rep. Barry Jozwiak (R) District 5	Support	Sexual Exploitation	Increase grading for trafficking of infants	Passed 05/28/21 (Y 196, N 5)  Referred to Senate Judiciary

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	of trafficking infants as a first-degree felony rather than its current standing as a first-degree misdemeanor.					
<b>Religious Liberty</b>						
<a href="#">HB300</a>	Fairness Act	Rep. Dan Frankel (D) District 23	Oppose	Religious Liberty	HB 300 would expand the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the state's non-discrimination law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes. The bill would add sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression to the provisions of state law that prohibit housing, employment, education, and public accommodations discrimination.	06/11/21 Referred to State Government
<a href="#">HB1096</a>	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It allows victims of human trafficking the ability to bring lawsuits against their offenders either in the county where the victim lives or in the county where	Rep. Rob Kaufman (R) District 89	Support	Sexual Exploitation	This bill makes it easier for human trafficking victims to bring lawsuits against their offenders.	Passed in the House 05/25/21 (Y 201, N 0)  Referred to Senate Judiciary

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	the trafficking occurred.					
<a href="#">HB1130</a>	Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It requires traffickers convicted of subjecting their victims to sexual servitude to be registered as sex offenders under Pennsylvania's Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).	Rep. Craig Williams (R) District 160	Support	Sexual Exploitation	Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Hotline has received more than 3,700 human trafficking-related calls from Pennsylvania. More than 300 human trafficking cases were reported last year alone in Pennsylvania and Maryland combined. These cases, which often go unreported or underreported, are found not just in Philadelphia and Allegheny County, but also in areas such as York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, State College, Erie, Williamsport, Altoona, Allentown and along all of the major transportation corridors of Pennsylvania.	Passed in the House 05/25/21  (Y 186, N 15)  Referred to Senate Judiciary
<b><i>National Sovereignty - Elections</i></b>						
<a href="#">HB853</a>	Voter ID Law  The premise behind voter ID laws is to ensure that individuals are not misrepresenting	Rep. Jeff Wheeland (R) District 83	Support	Sovereignty: Election Reform	Under this proposal , the forms of ID that will be acceptable are the same as the options that are currently available to first-time voters in PA. They include the following forms of photo and non-photo ID:	03/10/21 Referred to State Government

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	<p>themselves when voting and, thus, potentially negating the votes of others. Voter ID laws can also serve to increase public confidence in the election process.</p>				<p>Driver's license or PennDOT non-driver ID card, Photo or non-photo ID card issued by other state agency, Photo or non-photo ID card issued by the U.S. government, Student ID with photo, Employee ID with photo, Armed Forces of the U.S. ID card, Firearm permit, Current utility bill, Current bank statement, Government check</p> <p>If a voter is unable to present a valid photo ID, he or she will be required to present two forms of non-photo ID from among those listed above. This approach strikes a balance between the goal of protecting the integrity of each vote cast and the goal of ensuring that eligible voters possess or can obtain necessary valid ID.</p>	
<a href="#">HB1482</a>	Election Audit	Rep. Brian Cutler (R) District 100	Support	Sovereignty: Election Reform	This bill requires the Bureau of Election Audits to conduct result-confirming audits of each election in Pennsylvania, completed by the third Friday following the election.	05/25/21 Referred to State Government

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<a href="#">SB735</a> <a href="#">HB1596</a>	Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution further providing qualifications for electors.	Sen. Judy Ward (R) District 30  Rep. Jeff Wheeland (R) District 83	Support	Sovereignty: Election Reform	This bill would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to require voters to provide valid identification in order to vote in an election. The forms of ID would be the same as the options that are currently available to first-time voters in PA. The measure, if approved in two consecutive legislative sessions, would place a proposed amendment on the election ballot in 2023 asking voters if identification should be required at each election. This proposal would help to enhance election integrity and increase voter confidence. It would also add another layer of security to our elections.	06/16/2021 Re-referred to Appropriations  06/21/2021 Appropriations Committee Senate SB735 (Y 15, N 9) House HB1596 (7 Y, N 4)  06/23/2021 Senate Final Passage (Y 30, N 20) House Final Passage (Y 183, N 18)  06/24/2021 SB735 Committee Vote - Referred to State Government HB1596 Committee Vote Re-reported as committed (Y 23, N 1)



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<a href="#">HB1300</a>	Voting Rights Protection Act	Rep. Seth Grove (R) District 196	Support	Sovereignty: Election Reform	The Voting Rights Protection Act would call for an expansion of Pennsylvania's voter identification law; require regular election audits; improve election uniformity among the 67 counties as required by the Pennsylvania Constitution; enhance certification processes for all machines used in elections; require signature verification using ballot scanning equipment for mail-in and absentee ballots; improve lists of registered voters; conduct an audit of every election to, among other things, improve security of our elections. Specifically, registered voters would receive through their counties' durable scannable voter registration cards, much like the identification cards currently issued to voters, to be used when voting in person.	<p>05/15/21 Recommended to Rules Committee</p> <p>06/21/21 Recommitted to Appropriations (Y 114, N 87)</p> <p>06/22/2021 Passed in the House (Y 110, N 91, Other 1)</p> <p>06/24/2021 Committee Vote Re-Reported to Committee (Y 15, N 9)</p> <p>06/25/2021 Final Senate Passage (Y 29, N 21)</p> <p>06/26/2021 Presented to Gov. Wolf who promises to Veto</p> <p>06/30/2021 Vetoed by Gov. Wolf</p>