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<i>Sanctity of Life</i>						
HB118	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
HB1095	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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HB289	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 Health Committee
HB1500 SB21	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
HB904 SB378	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 904, that same indicator of life	HB904 05/25/21 House Health Committee Passed (Y 15, N 10) 09/20/21 Removed from table SB378 03/10/21 Referred to Health and Human Services

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					will finally be acknowledged and protected in the womb.	
Education						
HB1332	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 09/28/21 Passed House Committee On to full house for consideration 10/16/21 Passed the House 110 Y, 89N
HB1532	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
Sexual Exploitation						

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HB972	This bill will protect opportunities for women and girls in athletics by ensuring women are not forced to compete against biological males playing on women's sports teams	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 for women.	Pending: House Education Committee
HB1147	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

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HB753	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It reclassifies the crime of trafficking infants as a first-degree felony rather than its current standing as a first-degree misdemeanor.	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
Religious Liberty						
HB300	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
HB1096	Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. It allows victims of human trafficking the	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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	ability to bring lawsuits against their offenders either in the county where the victim lives or in the county where the trafficking occurred.					
HB1130	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

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HB231	Adds human trafficking to the existing law when it involves sexual servitude or abuse	Rep. Marci Mustello (R) District 11	Support	Sexual Exploitation	This legislation will amend the Crimes Code to add certain prohibited activities that if committed constitute the crime of unlawful contact with a minor. This legislation is necessary as a result of amendments to existing sexual offenses and the creation of additional sexual offenses (human trafficking) in the Crimes Code. Significantly, this legislation will strengthen the ability of police and prosecutors to combat sexual violence and human additional sexual offenses (human trafficking) in the Crimes Code.	Passed the House 05/25/21 (184 Y, 17 N) Referred to Senate Judiciary 05/28/21
National Sovereignty - Elections						
HB853	Voter ID Law The premise behind voter ID laws is to ensure that individuals are not misrepresenting themselves when voting and, thus, potentially negating the votes of others. Voter ID laws can also serve to increase public	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: 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	03/10/21 Referred to State Government

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	confidence in the election process.				<p>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>	
HB1482	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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SB735 HB1596	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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HB1300	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> <p>07/24/2021 HB 1300 has been reauthorized, is out for</p>

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						sponsors and will be reintroduce as the battle to reform PA's election process continues