LIBERTY CITY
LGBT DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Legislative Scorecard

Holding our Legislators Accountable

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Purpose and Methodology of the Legislative Scorecard

The Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club is proud to issue this legislative scorecard which rates members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly from Philadelphia and the southeast region of the state on their support for legislation important in moving our Commonwealth towards LGBT equality.

We hope that this legislative scorecard will be a resource for constituents, voters, advocates, and the media who wish to better understand which legislators are allies of the LGBT community, and which still need convincing.

Our scores are based on the support each legislator has given to a series of targeted pieces of legislation which are priorities of Liberty City and the LGBT community. Due to the conservative nature of the legislature, there have been no votes on any these bills so far in the 2013-2014 session. Therefore, we have scored each legislator on whether or not they have signed on as a cosponsor of the legislation. A cosponsor is a senator or representative who officially adds his or her name as a supporter to the bill. Legislators are given credit if they have cosponsored a targeted bill by the time this report was issued.

The House and the Senate are two separate chambers that each have their own agenda, and not all legislation is the same in each chamber. In both houses, we have targeted a non-discrimination bill, a hate crimes bill, a marriage equality bill, and a bill banning conversion therapy for minors.

However, the Senate has not yet introduced any anti-bullying legislation, while there were several anti-bullying bills in the House. We decided to target HB 156 (The PASS Act) in the House because it is youth led, inclusive of the LGBT community, comprehensive in scope, bi-partisan, and stands the best chance of passing.

Additionally, we targeted a bill in the House that would repeal DOMA in the state of Pennsylvania. Although our priority is marriage equality, we have decided to include this legislation because it is an incremental step towards full relationship equality. On the Senate side, we targeted SB 1064, a bill that reforms the unusually onerous name change process in the state, which would be a great benefit to the transgender community.

There are still 9 months left in the 2013-1014 legislative session, so think of this scorecard as a mid-term report. It is our goal to see scores of our legislators in the region improve when we re-issue this report at the end of the session. All legislators that wish to improve their scores are encouraged to reach out to Liberty City at *info@libertycity.org* and work with us to support legislation that moves Pennsylvania towards LGBT equality.

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Pennsylvania House of Representatives

The House Bills We Scored

HB 300 – Non-Discrimination Bill
This bill amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. It was introduced by Representative Dan Frankel (D) of Pittsburgh.

HB 156 – Anti-Bullying Bill
Known as the Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act (or the PASS Act), this bill amends the Public School Code of 1949 to enhance the ways that Pennsylvania school districts prevent and respond to bullying in schools. It was introduced by Representative Dan Truitt (R) of Chester County and was developed in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition (PSEC).

HB 1686 – Marriage Equality Act
This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to re-define the definition of marriage as a civil contract between two people who enter into matrimony, and eliminate the current prohibition against same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania. It was introduced by Representative Brian Sims (D) of Philadelphia.

HB 1647 – Repeal of Pennsylvania DOMA
This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to repeal the Pennsylvania Defense of Marriage Act (PA DOMA) and to recognize all same sex marriages made in other states and other countries. It was introduced by Representative Mark Cohen (D) of Philadelphia.

HB 1811 – Conversion Therapy Ban
This bill prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual under 18 years of age. It was introduced by Representative Brian Sims (D) of Philadelphia.

HB 177 – Hate Crimes Statute
This bill amends Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to expand the offense of ethnic intimidation to include malicious intention against the actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. It was introduced by Representative Brendan Boyle (D) of Philadelphia.

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Representative (Party)		Score	HB 300	HB 156	HB 1686	HB 1647	HB 1811	HB 177
Philadelphia								
169	Ed Neilson (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
170	Brendan Boyle (D)	83%	☑	☐	☑	☑	☑	☑
172	Kevin Boyle (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
173	Mike McGeehan (D)	50%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐
174	John Sabatina (D)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
175	Mike O'Brien (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
177	John Taylor (R)	50%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑
179	James Clay (D)	50%	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐
180	Angel Cruz (D)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
181	Curtis Thomas (D)	83%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
182	Brian Sims (D)	83%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
184	Bill Keller (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
185	Maria Donatucci (D)	50%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑
186	Jordan Harris (D)	83%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑
188	James Roebuck (D)	67%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐	☐
190	Vanessa Lowery Brown (D)	83%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
191	Ron Waters (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
192	Louise Williams Bishop (D)	50%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑
194	Pam Delissio (D)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
195	Michelle Brownlee (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
197	JP Miranda (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
198	Rosita Youngblood (D)	67%	☑	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑
200	Charelle Parker (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
201	Stephen Kinsey (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
202	Mark Cohen (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
203	Dwight Evans (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Delaware County								
159	Thaddeus Kirkland (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
160	Stephen Barrar (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
161	Joe Hackett (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
162	Nick Miccarelli (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
163	Nicholas Micozzie (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
164	Margo Davidson (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
165	William Adolph (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
166	Greg Vitali (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chester County								
13	John Lawrence (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
26	Tim Hennessey (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
155	Becky Corbin (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
156	Dan Truitt (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
157	Warren Kampf (R)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
158	Chris Ross (R)	17%	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐
167	Duane Milne (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
168	Thomas Killion (R)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bucks County								
18	Gene DiGirolamo (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
29	Bernie O'Neill (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
31	Steven Santarsiero (D)	67%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☐	☑
140	John Galloway (D)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
141	Tina Davis (D)	67%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑

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142	Frank Farry (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
143	Marguerite Quinn (R)	50%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☑	☐
144	Katharine Watson (R)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
145	Paul Clymer (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
178	Scott Petri (R)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
Montgomery County								
53	Robert Godshall (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
61	Kate Harper (R)	17%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
70	Matthew Bradford (D)	83%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
146	Mark Painter (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
147	Marcy Toepel (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
148	Mary Jo Daley (D)	50%	☑	☐	☑	☑	☐	☐
149	Tim Briggs (D)	67%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☐
150	Mike Vereb (R)	17%	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
151	Todd Stephens (R)	33%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
152	Thomas Murt (R)	50%	☑	☑	☐	☐	☐	☑
153	Madeleine Dean (D)	67%	☑	☑	☑	☐	☑	☐
154	Steve McCarter (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

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The Pennsylvania Senate

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SB 300 – Non-Discrimination Bill
This bill amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. It is the companion bill to HB 300 in the House, and was introduced by Senators Patrick Brown (R) of Lehigh County and Larry Farnese (D) of Philadelphia.

SB 719 – Marriage Equality Act
This bill amends Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for full, equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in Pennsylvania. It was introduced by Senator Daylin Leach (D) of Montgomery County.

SB 872 – Conversion Therapy Ban
This bill prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual under 18 years of age. It was introduced by Senator Anthony Williams (D) of Philadelphia.

SB 42 – Hate Crimes Statute
This bill amends Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to expand the offense of ethnic intimidation to include malicious intention against the actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity of another individual or group of individuals. It was introduced by Senator Jim Ferlo (D) of Pittsburgh.

SB 1064 – Reform of Name Change Process
This bill amends Title 54 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to reform the name change process in Pennsylvania making it easier and less costly for citizens, including members of the transgender community, to officially change their name. It was introduced by Senator Larry Farnese (D) of Philadelphia.

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Senator (Party)		Score	SB300	SB719	SB872	SB42	SB1064
Philadelphia							
1	Larry Farnese (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
2	Christine Tartaglione (D)	60%	☑	☐	☐	☑	☑
3	Shirley Kitchen (D)	40%	☑	☐	☐	☑	☐
4	Leanna Washington (D)	80%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
5	Michael Stack (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
7	Vincent Hughes (D)	80%	☑	☑	☐	☑	☑
8	Anthony Williams (D)	80%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☐
Delware							
9	Dominic Pileggi (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
26	Edwin Erickson (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chester							
19	Andrew Dinniman (D)	20%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐
44	John Rafferty (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Bucks							
6	Robert Tomlinson (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
10	Charles McIlhinney (R)	20%	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Montgomery							
12	Stewart Greenleaf (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
17	Daylin Leach (D)	100%	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
24	Bob Mensch (R)	0%	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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About Liberty City

Liberty City LGBT Democratic Club is a political action committee which seeks to register, educate, and mobilize LGBT voters, elect openly LGBT candidates for public and party office, support LGBT friendly candidates and work to oust anti-LGBT office-holders, promote legislative issues of importance to the LGBT community, and provide a forum for LGBT voters to meet candidates and officeholders.

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