

End of Session Wrap Up 2026

PFLAG Advocacy Team

Meet your presenters



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Agenda

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- PFLAG Votes 2026 Preview
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PFLAG Legislative Advocacy Update



PFLAG Legislative Advocacy by the numbers

- Lawmaker contacts: **Almost 12,000 since January 1st**
 - Some action alerts generated over **1,000 messages in 24 hours**
- PFLAG supporters who advocated for LGBTQ+ rights at their statehouse: **200+**
 - **PFLAG showed up in CA, GA, FL, and more**
- PFLAG supporters trained to advocate at their state legislature: **1,000+**

PFLAG in Tallahassee





What legislative advocacy did you participate in during your state's legislative session?



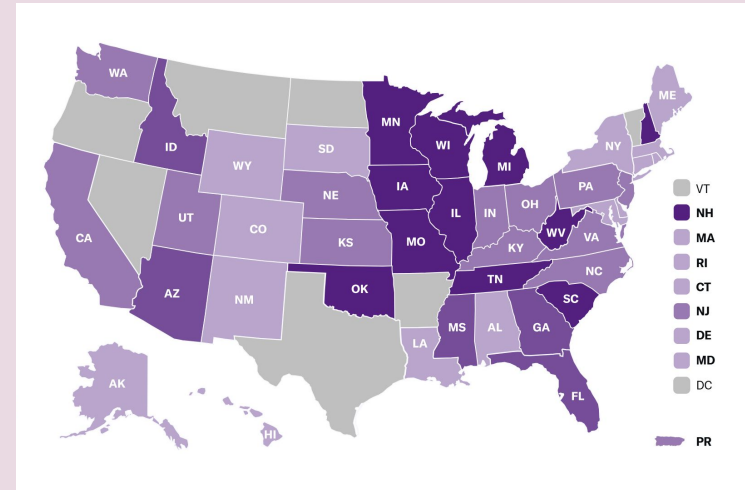


State Legislative Landscape

State legislative landscape

- The ACLU tracked 525+ anti-LGBTQ+ (bad) bills this year. Most of these bills never became law, but they all create a harmful environment for LGBTQ+ people.
- Bills range from ID bans, facilities bans, sports bans, classroom censorship, and gender affirming care restrictions
- We've seen a marked increase in anti-trans facilities bans and "child welfare" bills this year

State Legislative Map 2026



State Legislative Landscape

Kansas:

- A new Kansas law invalidates IDs for transgender residents and bans transgender Kansans from bathrooms in government buildings

Idaho:

- Idaho's governor signed a bathroom ban with criminal penalties into law



State Legislative Landscape

Other notable anti-LGBTQ+ bills include:

- Tennessee's governor signed a law banning doctors from discussing gender identity with minors as well as a law forcing insurers and clinics to provide "detransition care" and to give the state sensitive patient data relating to gender affirming care
- Iowa's legislature passed a bill that would allow foster parents to raise trans foster kids according to their sex assigned at birth
- South Carolina's Governor signed a bathroom ban



State Legislative Landscape

Positive momentum:

- Georgia, Indiana, and Florida adjourned without passing any specifically anti-LGBTQ+ legislation
- Governor Ayotte of New Hampshire vetoed 2 anti-trans facilities bans*, marking the third consecutive year that similar legislation has been rejected.
- Governor Evers of Wisconsin vetoed five anti-trans pieces of legislation.



State Legislative Landscape

Positive momentum:

- Right to Read legislation is being passed in Massachusetts
- Hawaii is passed a shield law
- California's Senate passed a conversion therapy ban bill which protects youth even with the Supreme Court's decision in *Chiles v. Salazar*





PFLAG Advocacy Spotlight: Florida

PFLAG Advocacy Spotlight





PFLAG Votes 2026


Ballot initiatives

- **Missouri:** Abortion and gender-affirming care ban
- **Washington:** Sports ban
- **Colorado:** Sports ban, surgery ban
- **Arizona:** Sports, facilities ban
- **Virginia:** Same-Sex Marriage (positive)



What to expect

- VOTE411
- Resources: Slide decks and recordings, one pagers, and social media toolkits, how-to guides
- Mobilization opportunities
- Partnership opportunities to maximize our impact
- Launch Webinar: August 12 at 8:30 pm ET



**Get Out the Vote
in
Maryland**

**The voter registration deadline in Maryland,
for the November 2024 election,
is Tuesday, October 15.**

ID Requirements

In Maryland, photo ID is not required to register or cast a ballot. Some voters may need to provide identification to cast a ballot. If they registered by mail without providing identification.

Mail-In Voting

Maryland does not require an excuse for mail-in voting. Voters must request their mail-in ballot by Tuesday, October 29 if requesting by mail, Friday, November 1 if requesting online, and Tuesday, November 5 if requesting in person.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 5, and received by 10 am on Friday, November 15, if returning by mail. Ballots must be received by Tuesday, November 5 if returning in person.

Your absentee ballot can be hand delivered, before 8 pm, on election day.

PFLAG recommends that voters request their absentee ballots as soon as possible and get them in the mailbox no later than Tuesday, October 22.

Learn more at: pflag.org/LoveVotes **PFLAG**

Upcoming

- Fighting For Our Pride School board
Advocacy 2.0: July 23rd
- PFLAG Votes Webinar: August 12th
- Sign up receive our We Take Action Newsletter



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