Pennsylvania
Basic Separation of Religion and Government

Constitutional & Nondiscrimination Protections

▲ State Establishment Clause
▲ State Free Exercise Clause
▲ Strong Taxpayer Standing

Nondiscrimination Laws
▲ Employment
▲ Housing
▲ Public Accommodations
▲ Education
▼ Religious Exemptions
▼ Religious Tests for Office

Special Privileges for Religion

Limitations on Clergy Privilege
▲ Mandatory Reporting
▲ Exception for Child Abuse
▲ Secular Celebrants

Religious Exemptions to Enforcement
▼ Foster Care & Adoption
▼ Public Health Protections
▼ Broad Liability Shield

Tax Exemptions for Places of Worship
▼ Limited Filing Requirements
▼ Parsonage Exemption
▼ Property Tax Exemption
▼ Sales Tax Exemption
▼ State Religious Freedom Restoration Act
▼ Anti-Blasphemy Law

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Health Care & Wellness

△ Medical Aid-In-Dying Law
△ Health Care Transparency Law

SANCTUARY LAWS
△ Reproductive Care Confidentiality Protections
△ Trans Care Confidentiality Protections
△ Reproductive Care Provider Protections
△ Trans Care Provider Protections

ACCESS TO ABORTION
△ Constitutional or Statutory Protections
▼ Statutory Abortion Ban
▼ Private Enforcement Provisions

DENIAL OF CARE LAWS
▼ Refusals Related to Abortion
▼ Refusals Related to Contraception
▼ Refusals Related to Sterilization
▼ Religion-Based Health Care Law
▼ Child Negligence Exemptions for Faith Healing
▼ Nonmedical Exemption to Vaccination

Education & Youth

△ Protection From Child Marriage
△ Protection From Conversion Therapy

SEX EDUCATION
△ Comprehensive Sex Education
▼ Abstinence Only Programs

HOMESCHOOLING LAWS
△ Instructor Qualifications
△ Testing & Evaluation
△ Child Abuse Prevention
▼ Exemptions

SCHOOL CENSORSHIP LAWS
▼ Divisive Topics Restricted
▼ LGBTQ Topics Restricted
▼ Religious Opt-Outs
▼ Undermines Children’s Rights

ANTI-TRANS YOUTH LAWS
▼ Medical Ban
▼ Athlete Ban
▼ Anti-Science / Anti-Evolution Law
▼ Bible Class Law
▼ Religious Displays in Schools
▼ School Vouchers & Tax Credits
▼ School Prayer Law
▼ Compelled Pledge Law
▼ Released Time Laws
▼ School Credit for Religious Education
▼ Campus License to Discriminate Law
▼ Religious Daycare Exemption