

# 2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP



## A note from Katie Blair (*she/her*), Vice President, Advocacy:

The attacks on LGBTQ+ people coming from state legislatures are harmful, exhausting, and deeply personal. But PFLAG chapters, members, and supporters are not backing down. Across the country, we are fighting for our Pride by showing up, speaking out, and securing meaningful wins for our community. And while the threats can feel never-ending, something powerful is happening. More PFLAG advocates than ever are engaging with lawmakers, testifying in hearings, building relationships, and making sure elected officials hear directly from the families and communities impacted by these decisions.

This report offers just a snapshot of the powerful work PFLAG advocates are doing in state legislatures across the country to protect LGBTQ+ people and advance equality.

## BY THE NUMBERS



- Anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced: **525+**
- Lawmaker contacts: **>10,000**
- PFLAG supporters who attended a legislative advocacy training: **600+**
- PFLAG supporters who advocated for LGBTQ+ rights at their statehouse: **200+**

# VICTORIES!

*Below is a snapshot of just some of the historic victories from this legislative session.*

## FLORIDA

PFLAG chapters and supporters worked closely with Equality Florida and defeated nearly all anti-LGBTQ+ bills under consideration. They met with lawmakers in Tallahassee and pushed back against attacks on worker rights, healthcare access, and censorship. This victory continues a multi-year streak of stopping these bills in the Sunshine State.

## GEORGIA

The state legislature adjourned with PFLAG members successfully fending off 13 anti-LGBTQ+ bills. Working closely with Georgia Equality and other partners, harmful legislation like bans on state funding for gender-affirming healthcare and book bans did not become law.

## INDIANA

PFLAG chapters and members worked in state coalitions, ensuring that the legislature adjourned without passing any anti-LGBTQ+ bills.



## MASSACHUSETTS

PFLAG Greater Boston PFLAG is part of a coalition working to advance legislation to safeguard access to library materials for Massachusetts families. The bill would create clear, consistent processes for parents to raise concerns while preventing books from being removed based solely on individual objections. PFLAG chapters across the Commonwealth are mobilizing support to keep this legislation moving and ensure Massachusetts stands firmly for the freedom to read.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

The legislature ramped up its attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, introducing 16 harmful bills this year. Even before the session has adjourned, PFLAG members have already secured an important win: after lawmakers passed an anti-trans facilities ban, advocates mobilized quickly—rallying and urging Governor Kelly Ayotte to veto the bill, and she did. With more facilities bans still moving through the legislature, this victory offers an important blueprint for continued resistance.

## WISCONSIN

Governor Tony Evers vetoed five bills targeting transgender and nonbinary youth and restricting LGBTQ+ rights.

*While it is important to celebrate our wins, we must also acknowledge that this legislative session has seen devastating setbacks for our community.*

# SETBACKS

## IDAHO

The Governor signed an anti-trans facilities ban into law—not the first state to pass such a policy, but what makes this law especially dangerous is that lawmakers attached criminal penalties for transgender people, or people perceived to be transgender, simply for using the restroom that aligns with their gender identity. A person convicted of violating this law more than once in five years could face felony charges and prison time.

## KANSAS

Lawmakers overrode Governor Laura Kelly’s veto to enact a cruel anti-trans ID ban and facilities ban. This legislation moved quickly through the Kansas legislature but our PFLAG chapters acted swiftly to ensure that lawmakers heard from LGBTQ+ advocates. Almost immediately after the bill’s passage, hundreds of transgender Kansans received letters from the state informing them that their driver’s licenses were invalid. This marked the first time a state has moved to invalidate IDs simply because they accurately reflect a transgender person’s gender identity.

## TENNESSEE

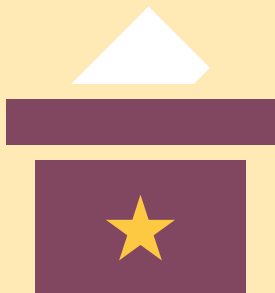
Lawmakers advanced a series of aggressive attacks on LGBTQ+ people and their families, several of which have become law. These measures ban Medicaid coverage of gender-affirming care for Tennesseans of all ages, restrict what medical providers can discuss with minors about gender identity, and extend “Don’t Say Trans” policies from schools into doctors’ offices. Another law requires insurers to cover “detransition” procedures, limits efforts to ban conversion therapy, and forces providers to share sensitive patient data with the state. Together, these policies signal a growing hostility toward LGBTQ+ people in Tennessee.

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# ANTI-LGBTQ+ RIGHTS THREATS AT THE BALLOT BOX



As state legislatures continue advancing anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, discriminatory measures are also qualifying for the ballot in some states. Anti-equality groups are spreading misinformation, especially about trans youth, to support initiatives attacking gender-affirming care, banning trans athletes from sports, and forcing teachers to out students.

These measures show a willingness to weaponize public opinion against LGBTQ+ people and their families.

PFLAG National and our partners will continue to fight these efforts every step of the way. As we prepare for these elections, we will ensure voters have the facts and tools they need to engage in campaigns to educate others on the harms of discrimination and to join us in pushing back.

## WHAT'S NEXT: PFLAG VOTES

Looking ahead, the November elections will shape the opportunities and threats at the state, local, and federal levels. Voters will be able to evaluate candidates at each level on key issues like LGBTQ+ equality. This summer, PFLAG National will launch PFLAG Votes, a nationwide effort to equip chapters and supporters with information on voting deadlines, election laws, and what voters need before heading to the polls, along with resources to help mobilize communities, engage voters, and get out the vote. Stay tuned for more information!



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