

# 2023-2024 Priority Legislative Agenda

## **An Act to ensure legal parentage equality**

*Sen. Julian Cyr & Rep. Sarah Peake*

[S.947](#) | [H.1713](#)

This bill would provide that every child have the same rights and protections under law as any other child without regard to the marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation of the parent or parents.

## **An Act to promote rehabilitation including guaranteed health, treatment, and safety for incarcerated LGBTQI+ People**

*Sen. Julian Cyr & Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis*

[S.1566](#) | [H.2484](#)

This bill addresses the human rights crisis experienced by LGBTQ people incarcerated in our state's prisons. Key provisions include implementing safety procedures to protect LGBTQ individuals in shared housing; access to HIV prevention and treatment; prohibiting involuntary solitary confinement or punishment for LGBTQ status or disclosure of assault; allowing and facilitating culturally competent programming; and clearer data reporting and transparency (including PREA data).

## **An Act Establishing Gender Neutral Bathrooms**

*Sen. Joanne Comerford & Rep. Mindy Domb*

[S.1978](#) | [H.3019](#)

This bill would amend State Building code regulations to allow for gender neutral bathrooms

## **An Act enabling pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and, administer PrEP**

*Sen. Julian Cyr & Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis*

[S.1353](#) | [H.2225](#)

This bill would enable pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer PrEP

## **An Act relative to trans-inclusive health care access**

*Sen. Joanne Comerford & Rep. Natalie Higgins*

[S.596](#) | [H.1037](#)

The bill requires insurance companies to cover gender-affirming care upon receipt of one letter from a qualified mental health professional, aligning state law with the accepted World Professional Association for Transgender Health standard.

## **An Act relative to gender-affirming hair removal treatment**

*Sen. Julian Cyr & Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis*

[S.621](#) | [H.2225](#)

This bill would ensure coverage for gender-affirming hair removal procedures including, but not limited to, laser hair removal and electrolysis hair removal prescribed as medical treatment in accordance with accepted standards of care to affirm the gender identity

## **An Act relative to LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum**

*Sen. Julian Cyr & Reps. Natalie Higgins and Jack Patrick Lewis*

[S.259](#) | [H.498](#)

This bill would ensure that Massachusetts Public schools include sufficient instruction on the histories, roles, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people in the history of this country and the Commonwealth.

## **An Act establishing an LGBTQI long-term care facility bill of rights**

*Sen. Patricia Jehlen & Reps. Jack Patrick Lewis and Sarah K. Peake*

[S.637](#) | [H.637](#)

This bill would ensure that any long-term care facility and long-term care facility staff are prohibited from taking actions based in whole or in part on a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, intersex status, or HIV status that could be perceived as discriminatory or harmful, and addresses strategies to create a safe and affirming environment for LGBTQI older adults and older adults living with HIV

## **An Act repealing homophobic and transphobic laws**

*Reps. Jack Patrick Lewis and Samantha Montañó*

[S.637](#) | [H.637](#)

This bill would repeal existing, outdated sodomy laws.

## **An Act relative to student mental health**

*Sen. Joanne Comerford & Rep. Jack Patrick Lewis*

[SB.1237](#) | [HB.1999](#)

This bill would ensure that public school, including a charter school, that serves students in any of grades 6 to 12, that issues student identification cards shall include on the student identification cards the telephone and text number for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

## **An Act relative to gender identity on Massachusetts identification**

*Sen. Joanne Comerford & Rep. Mindy Domb*

[SB.2207](#) | [HB.3017](#)

To recognize the dignity and protect the safety of nonbinary citizens, this bill allows individuals to choose the gender marker “X” on state IDs. It codifies into law the RMV’s recent regulatory decision to offer an “X” marker on licenses and expands its scope to cover more documents, including birth certificates, other ID options, and state forms.