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## Greetings:

### At the General Assembly *For the Week*

The General Assembly was on a weeklong break, however, I continued to participate in activities throughout District 40.

*Joyce Waddell*

## Bills Signed

Last Friday, the Governor signed the following bills into law:

- House Bill 364: Self-Liquidating Projects/Property Transfers.
- House Bill 455: Expedite Water/Wastewater Franchise Transfer.
- House Bill 608: Safety Requirements for Elevators.
- House Bill 192: 2023 Wildlife Resources Changes.-AB
- House Bill 168: DNCR Agency Bill.-AB
- Senate Bill 626: Modify Human Trafficking and Rioting Laws.

## Recent Bills Vetoed

The Governor vetoed three bills Wednesday that touch on controversial cultural issues regarding the LGBTQ+ community. The bills included a transgender athlete ban, restrictions on gender-affirming care for minors and limitations on gender identity discussion in elementary schools.

The bills now head back to the legislature, where veto overrides by the Republican supermajority are likely.

**HB 574**, dubbed the “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act,” would prohibit transgender women and girls from playing for women’s sports teams in middle and high school, as well as in colleges and universities.

**HB 808**, which passed the General Assembly along party lines, would restrict certain types of gender-affirming care for transgender minors.

I believe that it is the duty of parents and those who practice medicine to determine the best way to make those personal decisions.

**SB 49**, the “Parents’ Bill of Rights,” passed the General Assembly along party lines in late June. It would bar curriculum on gender identity, sexual activity or sexuality in kindergarten through fourth grades in all public schools. It would also require teachers and public school employees to tell parents if their children change their names or pronouns on school records.

**HB 574**, the “Fairness in Women’s Sports Act,” passed the General Assembly. The bill bans “students of the male sex” from playing on all “athletic teams designated for females, women, or girls.” It applies to all public middle and high schools, as well as private middle and high schools that play against a team required to follow the provisions of the bill or if the school is a member of an interscholastic athletic organization. The bill applies to all athletic teams that are part of an “intercollegiate athletic program,” including the NCAA.

**HB 808** would prohibit surgical gender transition procedures and puberty blockers for minors, creating penalties for doctors who perform the treatments — including having their medical licenses revoked. Some exceptions are made, such as procedures for children with sex development disorders.

It would also require teachers and public school employees to tell parents if their children change their names or pronouns on school records. A similar bill had passed the Senate in 2022, but did not get a vote in the House. Republicans did not have a veto-proof supermajority at the time. Below are some of the provisions in the new bill:

- Require schools to make textbooks and other materials available for parental review at the schools and online.
- Allow parents to withhold consent for participation in surveys discussing topics such as political beliefs and sexual behavior.
- Allow parents to see what books their child has borrowed from the school’s library.

## Vaccinations

*Summer is in full swing and we are heading into fall. With planned activities and vacations with family and friends, use caution and continue to use healthy habits. Wash your hands and be mindful of being in close proximity of large crowds.*

*Vaccines are available at your local health provider. For older adults, ask your health provider which vaccine you are eligible for and which one they recommend. With all things SAFETY FIRST!*



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