



## 2019 Legislative update

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	Assembly Bill #	Title	Signed?	Date Signed	Effective date	Description
1	a00747	Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA)	yes	1/25/2019	2/24/2019; hate crime provisions 11/1/2019	Creates a protected category for gender identity or expression under the NY human rights law.
2	a00576	Conversion Therapy Ban	yes	1/25/2019	1/25/2019	Creates a licensing penalty (professional misconduct) for social workers and therapists who attempt to change the gender identity / sexual orientation of minors.
3	a08375	Abolish Gay/Trans Panic Defense	yes	6/30/2019	6/30/2019	"Provides that it shall not be an affirmative defense for murder that the defendant's conduct resulted substantially from the discovery, knowledge or disclosure of the victim's sexual orientation, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression or sex assigned at birth."
4	a03425	Human Rights Law k-12 public school fix	yes	7/25/2019	7/25/2019	Placing k-12 public schools under the jurisdiction of the NYS division of human rights for the purposes of investigating instances of bias or harassment.
5	a03619	OCFS LGBTQ Competency Trainings for Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter Staff	yes	10/11/2019	1/1/2020	Creates mandatory LGBT training for shelter staff, including appropriate terminology; why LGBT youth are disproportionately homeless; how to address homophobia / transphobia in shelters.

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6	a00460	Second Parent Adoption Access for Legal Parents	yes	9/16/2019	9/16/2019	Allowing for second parent adoption even if the second parent already has a legal parental relationship.
7	a05604	EPTL Marriage Equality Update	yes	10/29/2019	10/29/2019	Making technical corrections to the EPTL (changing maternal or paternal to one parental side, other parental side).
8	a07565	Expansion of Local Human Rights Commissions	yes	11/25/2019	11/25/2019	Human rights commissions only currently covers "religious, racial, national, and political" identities. This expansion would include all protected categories.
9	a08097	Discharged LGBT Veterans	yes	11/12/2019	11/12/2020	Adds a category of discharged LGBT veteran (as well as veterans who experienced PTSD, TBI or military sexual trauma) to provisions relating to honorably discharged veterans.
10	a3606A	Statewide Hate Crime Policies, Procedures and Training for New and Veteran Police	yes	11/25/2019	2/23/2020	Establish training for new and veteran police. "Develop, maintain and disseminate, in consultation with the division of human rights and the hate crime task force ...written policies... regarding the recognition of and response to hate crimes"
11	a7564B	Office of Mental Health Report and Plans for Suicide Prevention (specifically including LGBT people)	yes	12/12/2019	12/12/2019	OMH to prepare a biennial report on suicide prevention, with specific information relating to populations that are at a statistically higher risk, including LGBT persons.

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12	a02566	Crime Victim's Compensation Access for Domestic Partners	no	unsigned as of 12/18/2019; delivered to governor 12/17/2019	180 days after passage	Adding domestic partners to category of people who can receive compensation if their partner died as a victim of crime. Looks at "totality of the circumstances" as to who is a domestic partner, not just legal status.
13	a07593	Office of the Aging LGBTQ Competency Trainings for Staff/Intake Forms	no	unsigned as of 12/18/2019; delivered to governor 12/17/2019	180 days after passage	Adding a training for the office of the aging regarding LGBT older adults. Training to be completed by employees and providers who contract with the the office for the aging.
14	a00109	Gender Neutral Bathrooms in State Buildings	no	unsigned as of 12/18/2019	90 days after passage	All state owned /operated single occupancy bathrooms will be gender neutral.
15	a1130a	Dept of Health to Review DOCCS Prison and Jail-Based Health Care for Certain Incarcerated People (specifically including care for transgender people)	no	<b>VETOED 11/25/2019</b>	N/A	Requires DOCCS to provide health care for chronic conditions consistent with current standards of care.
16	a7929	Collection of SOGI Demographic Information by State Agencies	no	<b>VETOED 12/06/2019</b>	N/A	Sexual orientation and gender identity to be included in categories of demographic information collected by state agencies.

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	HALT bill regarding solitary confinement did not pass see: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S4784">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2017/S4784</a>					
		Three Way Legislative/Executive Agreement on Solitary Confinement Practices in NY Prisons (to be addressed administratively)	N/A			This was a compromise in lieu of a bill. <a href="https://www.amny.com/news/politics/solitary-confinement-bill-1.32624591">https://www.amny.com/news/politics/solitary-confinement-bill-1.32624591</a>