

## **INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

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### **Legal – Multistate Transgender Lawsuit:**

Last week, 10 Attorneys General and one Governor (ME) filed a lawsuit against the federal government for administrative actions since 2010 that attempt to include transgender status in the protections against discrimination based on sex in Titles VII (civil rights) and Title IX (education). The suit was brought against the U.S. Dept. of Ed, Justice, and Labor and the EEOC and OSHA under the Administrative Procedures Act claiming that the Obama Administration has rewritten anti-discrimination provisions in Title VII (civil rights) and Title IX (higher ed) to unlawfully include gender identity as part of the protections based upon sex. The allegations include administrative actions dating from 2011 to present. The 11 states joining the suit are:

1. TX – Attorney General and one school district;
2. AZ – Attorney General and one school district;
3. AL – Attorney General;
4. WI – Attorney General;
5. WV – Attorney General;
6. TN – Attorney General;
7. OK – Attorney General;
8. LA – Attorney General;
9. UT – Attorney General;
10. GA – Attorney General;
11. ME – Governor.

### **Legislative – Retiring Members:**

The following legislators are retiring this year:

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| 1. Sen. Paul Thurmond     | 10. Rep. Don Wells                               |
| 2. Sen. Joel Lourie       | 11. Rep. Mary Tinkler                            |
| 3. Sen. Ray Cleary        | 12. Rep. Jenny Horne                             |
| 4. Rep. Ken Hodges        | 13. Rep. Shannon Riley                           |
| 5. Rep. Stephen Goldfinch | 14. Rep. Kenny Bingham                           |
| 6. Rep. Deborah Long      | 15. Rep. Grady Brown                             |
| 7. Rep. Walt McLeod       | 16. Rep. Chip Limehouse                          |
| 8. Rep. Mia McLeod        | 17. **Rep. Mike Gambrell (elected to the Senate) |
| 9. Rep. Wayne George      |  |

### **DPS – EMAC Deployment:**

Pursuant to an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Ohio has requested 40 officers from DPS to assist with the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July to augment local law enforcement operations. Recall that similar assistance from SC agencies was given to NC for the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte in 2012.

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