

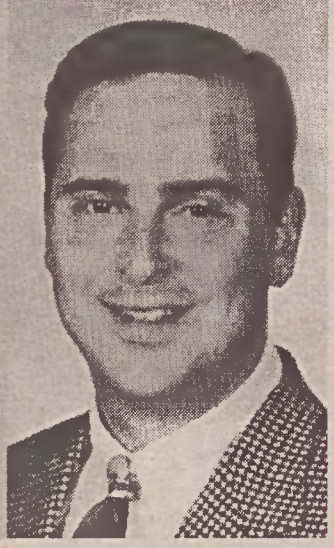
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LGBT bills being introduced in NC Senate: Privacy Rights, Hate Crimes, Non-Discrimination

Equality NC's legislative allies in the North Carolina Senate are introducing three very important bills.

Ask your Senator to Co-Sponsor these bills — to ensure all North Carolinians are free from intrusion into their private lives, free from hate-motivated violence and free from discrimination by state and local governments.

It is up to each of us to work to pass these bills:

1. *Sexual Privacy*: Sponsored by Senator Ellie Kinnaird (D- Orange), will amend the

"crimes against nature" law to remove the reference to acts between two people, but will preserve the crime for acts between mankind and beast. The bill will also strengthen the prostitution laws by expanding the list of sex acts for hire that constitute prostitution.

2. *Hate Crimes*: Sponsored by Senator Jeanne Lucas (D-Durham), will add real or perceived age, disability, gender, gender expression and sexual orientation to the existing hate crimes statute.

3. *Non-Discrimination*: Sponsored by Senator Wib Gulley (D-Durham), will ensure State and local governments cannot arbitrarily terminate or refuse to hire an employee based on prejudice.

info: Co-sponsor LGBT legislation
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Ask your Senator to co-Sponsor the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act

Since the FBI began collecting hate crimes statistics in 1991, reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation have more than tripled; yet the federal government has no jurisdiction to assist states and localities in dealing with even the most violent hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. The FBI's 2001 *Uniform Crime Reports* — the most recent

year for which statistics are available — showed as overall crime increased slightly nationally (2.1 percent,) reported hate crimes increased dramatically — 20.7 percent — from 2000 to 2001, and hate crimes based on sexual orientation increased 7.2 percent.

LLEEA would help address this very real and serious problem and would also help to bring much-needed uniformity to federal law by adding actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender and disability to the list of covered categories.

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Oppose the new airline passenger profiling system

The government is developing an airline passenger profiling system called CAPPS II that will use credit information and secret databases to assess your security risk level each time you fly. These secret databases could include a great deal of personal information, pulled from both commercial and government sources. Not only would CAPPS II invade your privacy, but if there is a mistake in any of the many databases used for the system you may find yourself detained, delayed or even banned from flying.

Innocent people have already been stopped and banned from flying because their name appeared on government "no fly" lists. And most have been unable to clear their names once they were swept into the federal bureaucracy. In addition, experts have said that terrorists will inevitably learn how to circumvent the system. Identity thieves could easily sidestep this check by presenting a false driver's license or passport, undercutting the system's entire mission.

This system will invade your privacy but not make you safe.

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UNCC Day of Silence April 16 Pride Week — April 14 - 18