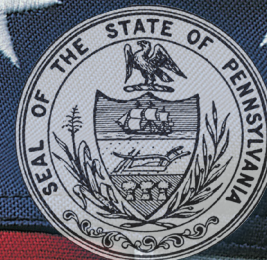


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## Seeking Justice: Warner Bill Takes Aim at Child Torture

Recognizing that the horror experienced by some children goes beyond abuse, I recently introduced legislation to establish the offense of child torture in the Commonwealth.

We've all heard about the case right here in Fayette County in which a couple was

arrested after an investigation alleged they had beaten and starved their 6-year-old daughter. This innocent child was left uncared for, locked in a dog cage in deplorable conditions without food or water, left without pediatric care for over three years and was subject to other unimaginable torture.

This, and other cases like it, are unfathomable, and we owe it to our children to give law enforcement officers and the judicial system the tools they need to ensure the punishment fits the crime. Currently, Pennsylvania is one of just 14

states that does not have a child torture statute. House Bill 2181 would change that. A person convicted of this new offense commits a third-degree felony if the victim does not suffer bodily injury or a first-degree felony if the victim suffers bodily injury.

This bill is the second I have introduced this year to ensure justice for our children. House Bill 1909 would allow a person convicted of the rape or sexual assault of a child to be sentenced to death. Both bills are pending consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

## NO SANCTUARY in Westmoreland County

I was pleased to join officials in Westmoreland County earlier this year as they officially ensured the county was no longer deemed a sanctuary by a Washington, D.C., think tank or, more importantly, by its residents.

I commend the commissioners and coun-

ty prison board for ensuring undocumented immigrants are handled appropriately according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement guidelines. Butler County took similar steps earlier in the year.

As the prime sponsor of legislation to prohibit any county or municipality in the Commonwealth from designating itself as a sanctuary for illegal immigrants, I am pleased to see it is having an impact even though it is stuck in the House Judiciary

Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Tim Briggs, D-Montgomery County.

In addition to prohibiting the sanctuary designation, House Bill 1840 would require a law enforcement officer who has reasonable cause to believe an individual being arrested is not legally present in the United States to notify the appropriate Immigration and Customs Enforcement office within the Department of Homeland Security.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



It was an honor to attend New Haven Hose Company's annual banquet in March.



Enjoying the annual Mentored Youth Trout Day with my kids, Paloma and Ben.



As a strong supporter of our state's agriculture industry, I was happy to see members of the Fayette County Farm Bureau at the state capitol.



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Connellsville Township Fire Hall, 905 Fireman St., Connellsville

Be sure to bring your vehicle with the affected plate attached, along with your unexpired PA driver's license and current vehicle registration card. Be sure to have your VIN, title, plate number and expiration date of your current registration available when you RSVP.

### CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR

**THURSDAY, JUNE 20 • 5:30 — 8 P.M.**

Star Junction Fish and Game Club, 149 Gun Club Road, Star Junction

**Scheduled Speaker:** *Jim Stoker*, Firearms Owners Against Crime –  
Institute for Legal, Legislative and Educational Action.

Please **RSVP** to either event online at **RepWarner.com**  
or by calling the Connellsville office at **724-437-1105**.

## CONGRATULATIONS 2023 CHAMPS!



Congratulations to the Belle Vernon Area High School football team for winning the 2023 PIAA Class AAA Championship. Way to go, Leopards!