

Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, & Non-Binary Equity

Equality New York believes that Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, & Non-Binary (TGNCNB) New Yorkers must be centered in all policy and system change. Historically, TGNCNB people have been left behind when prioritizing the LGBTQI agenda. The platform focuses on health, identity, and dignity as fundamental rights afforded to all New York residents, inclusive of the right to access housing, education, employment and protection against crime without bias, discrimination or harassment.

POLICY PRIORITIES

Repealer Walking While Trans

This bill would repeal New York's archaic, unfairly-applied statute on loitering for the purpose of engaging in prostitution.

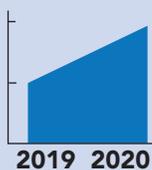
Transgender women who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) are disproportionately targeted for arrest because of their identity. This has made life more dangerous for the TGNCNB community. After someone is arrested under this penal code they are subject to experiencing horrific forms of violence by police, correction officers and other inmates. We must end this barbaric law which targets TGNCNB people now.



According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, 152 people — 80% women — were arrested under the law in 2018: 49% were Black, and 42% were Latinx.

Gender Identity Respect Dignity and Safety Act A691 (Rozić)

This bill requires state and local correctional facilities to house TGNCNB individuals consistently with their gender identities; ensures that correctional officers and staff address people by their names and pronouns; guarantees people access to commissary items, clothing, and other materials that are consistent with their gender identities; and establishes a right to be searched by officers of the same gender identity. The bill will also enable people to opt-out of being housed consistently with their gender identity if they have overriding safety concerns.



The rate of murders of BIPOC transwomen in the U.S. has nearly doubled between 2019-2020.

The New York State criminal justice system often refuses basic rights to TGNCNB individuals who are incarcerated. TGNCNB people face much higher rates of discrimination, violence, lost opportunity, and the lack of access to basic needs. This bill will ensure that TGNCNB individuals are housed consistent with their gender identity, referred to by their name and pronouns even if they don't have legal paperwork, and given access to gender affirming items.

The Hate Crimes Analysis and Review Act S70 (Hoylman)

This bill ensures that New York State collects and reports data on the sexual orientation, gender identity and racial or ethnic identity of victims and alleged perpetrators.

High quality and inclusive data collection allows us to have a better understanding of LGBTQI experiences in New York State. This bill will add information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and racial/ethnic identity. By collecting, analyzing, and reporting out information regarding hate crimes with these additional data points, it will help us best protect and serve the LGBTQI community.

Gender Recognition Act

This bill would create an X gender marker for New York identity documents as well as a streamlined, non-stigmatizing, and privacy-protective process for transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary New Yorkers to change the names and gender markers on their identity documents.

Streamlining the process of legal name and gender changes on documentation for TGNCNB individuals is key to minimizing discrepancies. This measure will help decrease violence towards TGNCNB people, ease the transitioning process, affirm our TGNCNB community, and more accurately reflect one's gender on legal documents.

Citations can be found at www.equalityny.org/policypriority/