



## 2025 Florida Family Voice Legislative Agenda

All bill numbers are hyperlinked to their respective House and Senate webpages for those interested in even more information and detail.

### **Protecting Life**

#### **SUPPORT**

##### **1. The Unborn Child Parent's Survivor Act (Rep. Greco / Sen. Grall)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1517](#) / [SB 1284](#)

**Description:** This bill allows parents to file civil lawsuits for the wrongful death of an unborn child. It recognizes an unborn child as a separate legal entity and extends legal protections to ensure accountability in cases of negligent or intentional harm. The legislation creates new avenues for parents to seek damages for emotional and financial loss resulting from the wrongful death of their unborn child, further humanizing the unborn in state statute.

Status: The House version had previously passed the full House floor, while the Senate version is awaiting a final committee hearing.

##### **2. Surrendered Infants Procedures and Baby Box Act (Rep. Cobb / Sen. McClain)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 791](#) / [SB 1690](#)

**Description:** This bill expands safe haven laws by extending the timeframe during which a newborn may be legally surrendered at designated locations, including innovative safe drop-off options like baby boxes. It provides additional legal protections for parents who choose to safely surrender their infant, ensuring that the child receives prompt and

appropriate medical care. The bill also streamlines and improves procedures for the placement and adoption of surrendered newborns.

**VICTORY! The House version had previously passed the full House floor unanimously. On Wednesday, the Senate version passed the full Senate floor, 33-4 and is now heading to the governor's desk for his final signature!**

### **3. Fetal Development Educational Awareness Act (Rep. Trabulsy / Sen. Calatayud)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1255](#) / ([SB 1618](#) pending amendment)

**Description:** This bill revises several education policies—including restricting political activism in schools and increasing discipline standards—to safeguard students and promote a positive learning environment. Most importantly, the House version, which we fully support, allows school districts to provide comprehensive fetal development training (pending parental consent) through age-appropriate educational videos designed to show students how the unborn baby grows in the womb. We will be advocating for the Senate bill to be amended accordingly to match the House version. This proposal is another step in building respect for the sanctity of human life in the next generation.

**Status: On Thursday, the House version passed its final committee stop, Education & Employment, 17-4 and is now scheduled for a final vote on the full House floor next Wednesday! The Senate version, which does not currently contain the Fetal Development Education language, is awaiting a final vote on the Senate floor. We are in favor of the House language which does include the Fetal Development Education language.**

### **4. Stem Cell Therapy Regulations Act (Rep. Buchanan / Sen. Trumbull)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1617](#) / [SB 1768](#)

**Description:** This bill establishes strict, ethical guidelines for stem cell therapies in Florida that align with pro-life principles by ensuring that all treatments respect the sanctity of human life. It prohibits the use of unregulated or non-FDA-approved treatments—particularly those involving embryonic stem cells—in favor of legitimate research into adult stem cell therapies. The legislation includes robust oversight measures to prevent fraudulent practices in regenerative medicine, ensuring that scientific advancements do not come at the expense of human life. Overall, it aims to promote ethical, science-based innovations in stem cell therapy while steadfastly protecting patients and upholding pro-life values.

**Status: On Wednesday, the Senate version passed its final committees, Rules, 22-1, while the House version awaits its final committee hearing.**

## **Culture and Government Reforms**

### **SUPPORT**

#### **1. The Initiative Petitions for Constitutional Amendments Reform Act (Rep. Persons-Mulicka / Sens. Gaetz & Grall)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1205](#) / [SB 7016](#)

**Description:** This bill increases regulations on the process of amending the state constitution via citizen-led ballot initiatives. It establishes stricter signature verification procedures, limits petition circulator activities, and enhances transparency requirements. The legislation aims to prevent out-of-state influence and ensure that constitutional amendments reflect the will of Florida residents. The bill strengthens the integrity of the amendment process by reducing potential fraud and outside manipulation.

**Status:** The House version had previously passed the full House floor, while the Senate version is awaiting a final vote of its own. Though the House and Senate versions differ slightly on some more minor details, we are in support of both versions as the discussions on the final version are settled.

#### **2. Gambling Controls Act (Rep. Barnaby / Sen. Simon)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 953](#) / [SB 1404](#)

**Description:** This bill strengthens regulations on gambling activities in Florida by increasing oversight and enforcement mechanisms. It introduces stricter licensing requirements for gambling establishments and enhances penalties for illegal gambling operations. The legislation also provides additional consumer protections to prevent fraudulent or exploitative practices.

**Status:** On Tuesday, the Senate version passed its second of three committees unanimously, while the House version is pending (there is another similar House bill we are tracking that appears to be the replacement for HB 953 that is moving through the process).

## **Faith Initiatives**

## **SUPPORT**

### **1. Office of Faith and Community Act (Rep. Bankson / Sen. Yarborough)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 293](#) / [SB 820](#)

**Description:** This bill will codify the Gov. DeSantis-created Office of Faith and Community within the Executive Office of the Governor. This office exists to foster collaboration between faith-based organizations and state agencies. Recognizing the role of faith-based groups in addressing needs and providing essential services, the office has worked tirelessly to remove bureaucratic obstacles that often prevent religious organizations from serving the most vulnerable in our state. Additionally, it assigns a dedicated liaison to assist these organizations in accessing available state resources. This legislation will make this office a permanent division within the Governor's office.

**Status:** On Thursday, the House version passed its final committee, State Affairs, 15-5 and is awaiting a final vote on the House floor, while the Senate version passed its second committee, Appropriations on Ag, Environment, and General Government, 9-3 and moves on to its final committee.

### **2. The Hope Florida Program Act (Rep. Gerwig / Sen. Burgess)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1327](#) / [SB 1144](#)

**Description:** The Hope Florida Program Act is codifying into law yet another initiative that First Lady Casey DeSantis has been pursuing, designed to expand the state's initiative by connecting families in need with community-based support rather than relying solely on government intervention. The act establishes "Hope Navigators" who offer personalized assistance, linking individuals to a network of nonprofits, churches, and ministries that can help meet their needs. It emphasizes the importance of public-private partnerships by streamlining access to resources like employment opportunities and essential services. By leveraging the expertise and reach of community organizations, the bill aims to reduce bureaucratic hurdles and create a more responsive, grassroots support system. Ultimately, the legislation seeks to empower local groups to address community challenges directly while minimizing the role of government in the service delivery.

**Status:** The House and Senate versions are awaiting the second of three committees for both bills.

### **3. Protecting Faith-based Content in BIP Counseling Programs Act (Rep. Blanco / Sen. Rodriguez)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 391](#) / [SB 894](#)

**Description:** This bill allows for the inclusion of faith-based content in state-approved batterers' intervention programs. Recently, due to the actions of certain career bureaucrats with the Department of Children and Families, these BIP intervention programs were limited to secular organizations and content, limiting the resources available for individuals seeking rehabilitation to choose from. This action ultimately barred several longtime faith-based providers, even though many of those faith-based programs had shown tremendous success with record low recidivism rates. This legislation amends existing statutes to ensure that faith-based counseling is a recognized and permitted component of these programs.

**Status:** On Thursday, the House version passed its second committee, Judiciary, unanimously and heads on to its final committee stop while the Senate version is awaiting its next hearing.

## **Protecting Parental Rights and Children's Safety**

### **SUPPORT**

#### **1. Protecting Minors from Obscenity in Education Act (Rep. Bankson / Sen. McClain)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1539](#) / [SB 1692](#)

**Description:** This proposal strengthens restrictions on sexually explicit materials in Florida educational settings by replacing the Miller test, which historically dealt with adult obscenity laws and was not originally intended for content meant for children, with a more rigorous, child-focused standard of obscenity. This will ensure that sexually graphic and even pornographic are now subject to stricter scrutiny. The bill establishes harsher penalties for individuals and businesses that provide minors with access to such harmful content and also enhances parental rights by requiring increased transparency in school libraries and public venues regarding age-appropriate material. By shifting the focus away from the Miller test, this legislation aims to better safeguard children from exposure to explicit material that could be detrimental to their well-being.

**Status:** On Thursday, the House version passed its final committee stop, Education and Employment, 14-5 and is now scheduled for a final vote on the full House floor next Thursday, while the Senate version has passed one committee.

#### **2. Parental Rights in Education and Healthcare Act (Rep. Plakon / Sen. Grall)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1505](#) / [SB 1288](#)

**Description:** This bill reinforces and expands parental rights in education, healthcare, and decision-making for minor children by addressing current restrictions that prevent parents from accessing records for children over the age of 13. It mandates that schools notify parents of any changes in their child's medical records and prohibits the use of bio machine systems on minors without parent consent. Additionally, the legislation strengthens parental consent requirements for medical treatments and school surveys, ensuring that parents remain fully informed and involved in decisions affecting their children.

**Status:** The House bill is awaiting a hearing at its final stop, while the Senate version is scheduled for its final committee stop on Monday.

### **3. Private Messaging Protection for Minors Act (Rep. Salzman / Sen. Ingoglia)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 743](#) / [SB 868](#)

**Description:** This bill places stricter regulations on minors' access to social media platforms to protect children from harmful content and online exploitation. It requires social media companies to implement stronger age-verification processes and parental controls. The legislation also imposes penalties on platforms that fail to enforce these protections, ensuring accountability in safeguarding minors.

**Status:** On Wednesday, the Senate version passed its final committee, Rules, unanimously and heads to the Senate floor for a final vote. Meanwhile, the House version is awaiting its final committee stop.

## **Education Reform**

### **SUPPORT**

#### **1. The Religious Freedom Education and Classroom Act (Rep. Daniels / Sen. Rodriguez)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1009](#) / [SB 1504](#)

**Description:** This bill protects the right of students and faculty in K-12 schools to express their religious beliefs without facing discrimination. Students and staff are allowed to participate in prayer and religious activities, provided they do not conflict with instructional time or responsibilities. Additionally, the bill mandates that the phrase 'In God We Trust' be prominently displayed in public schools and that students and staff be made aware of their religious expression rights and related school policies.

**Status: On Thursday, the House version passed its final committee, Education and Employment, unanimously and is set for a final vote on the House floor next Wednesday, while the Senate bill is still pending.**

## **2. Video Camera Public School Security Act (Rep. Chambliss / Sen. Calatayud)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 257](#) / [SB 1006](#)

**Description:** This bill mandates the installation, with certain exceptions, of video cameras in self-contained public school classrooms to enhance safety and accountability. It allows for recorded footage to be reviewed in cases of alleged abuse, misconduct, or disciplinary disputes involving students and staff. The legislation ensures that privacy protections are in place while providing parents and school administrators with greater oversight. The goal is to improve student protection and maintain a transparent educational environment.

Status: The House version is awaiting a final vote on the House floor, while the Senate version is still pending.

# **Medical Freedom**

## **SUPPORT**

### **1. Public Health Emergency Actions Act (Rep. Miller / Sen. Yarborough)**

Bill Numbers: [HB 1399](#) / [SB 1372](#)

**Description:** This bill revises procedures for declaring a public health emergency, ensuring transparency and accountability in government responses. It limits the duration of emergency orders and requires legislative oversight for extensions beyond a set period. The goal is to balance public health measures with individual rights and liberties. These ordinances seek to restrict the power of the executive branch to declare public health emergencies and add checks and balances by allowing the legislature to block extended public health emergency declarations. The proposals aim to avoid the massive shutdowns on churches, businesses, and other establishments, and to protect individuals from being forced to violate their moral, religious, or health convictions regarding government treatment plans in a public health emergency.

**Status: On Thursday, the House version passed its final committee stop State Affairs, 17-4 and now awaits a final House floor vote, while the Senate version has not moved yet.**