



Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, Inc.

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION EXTERNAL REPORT

OVERVIEW

The Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates represents the interests of Planned Parenthood health centers in Florida. In partnership with **more than 956,000 activists, supporters and donors** in the state, we advocate for access to our 18 health centers where patients receive nonjudgmental, compassionate, affordable and quality care. With nearly 76% of Planned Parenthood health centers in medically underserved areas, Planned Parenthood continues to be a trusted provider for communities in need. Last year, over **78,900 people turned to Planned Parenthood in Florida for care** including: **15,700 lifesaving cancer screenings, 85,000 STI tests (including HIV), and contraception for 54,200 people**. We also **provided reproductive health education to 32,300 people in Florida**.

In the last 11 years we have seen numerous restrictions on abortion become law in Florida: Among observers of politics and public policy in Florida there is broad consensus that the 2023 legislative session was the worst and most harmful round of lawmaking in recent memory. And not just for reproductive rights but for the freedom for each of us to pursue our own version of the American dream, learn real history in our schools, feel safe from gun violence and simply be able to afford to live in Florida. The near-total abortion ban passed by the Legislature and signed into law behind closed doors in the dead of night by Gov. Ron DeSantis, is the worst case scenario we've dedicated years of blood, sweat and tears to stop. Our public policy team worked around the clock in conjunction with every arm of our organization, countless committed partners, allies and supporters to stop it, but with our governor campaigning for presidential primary votes in Iowa and no independence among leaders in the Legislature, it was a foregone conclusion, now that Roe has fallen, that this near-total ban would pass. **We're still fighting last year's 15-week ban at the Florida Supreme Court and if we can stop it we'll stop the six-week ban too, but we're not counting on that. We're going on offense by serving in a leadership role in the [Floridians Protecting Freedom ballot initiative campaign](#) to ensure we can keep the government out of our personal medical decisions once and for all.**

This report provides an overview of the bills that the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates supported, opposed, or monitored during the 2023 Legislative Session in conjunction with our coalition partners.

SESSION ADVOCACY BY THE NUMBERS

1,501 Volunteer Shifts

6,976 New Supporters

10,636 Messages Sent to Lawmakers

163,000 Moments of Online Engagement

861,000 People Reached on Social Media

Top Posts



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2023 ANTI REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LEGISLATION

HB 7/SB 300: “Pregnancy and Parenting Support”

6 Week Abortion Ban

by Reps [Jenna Persons-Mulicka](#) & [Jennifer Canady](#) (Prime co) and Sen. [Erin Grall](#)
Cosponsors; Representatives [Abbott](#), [Andrade](#), [Beltran](#), [Black](#), [Borrero](#), [Buchanan](#), [Giallombardo](#), [Gregory](#),
[Maggard](#), [Massullo](#), [McClain](#), [Michael](#), [Plakon](#), [Roach](#), [Robinson \(W\)](#), [Rudman](#), [Salzman](#), [Snyder](#), [Yeager](#),
House Health & Human Services Committee, Senators; [Gruters](#) and [Yarborough](#)

SB 300 prohibits abortion after six weeks, increases anti-abortion fake clinic program state funding by \$25 million, appropriates \$5 million to the state family planning program, adds a rape/incest/human trafficking exception with a burdensome requirement of proof that is only available until 15 weeks, expands the scope of the anti-abortion fake clinic program, removes the prohibition on AHCA developing rules that place an undue burden in the path of a person getting an abortion, clarifies existing prohibition on telehealth for abortion, and prohibits the mailing of medication abortion via USPS or another courier service.

As with all abortion bans, this bill will prevent people from accessing essential health care and take away their power over their own bodies, their lives, and their futures.

Often, people don't even realize they're pregnant at six weeks. As a result, this bill means many pregnant people will never have the option to have an abortion. Moreover, between the 24-hour mandatory delay and two in-person appointment requirements required by Florida law, even patients who realize they are pregnant before six weeks may be unable to access abortion care before they run out of time.

! IMPORTANT NOTE: This six week abortion ban cannot go into effect unless the Florida Supreme Court issues a ruling to undermine our state's constitutional right to privacy found in Article I Section 23 of the Florida Constitution¹. Currently

¹ “1,722,987 Floridians voted in 1980 to enshrine a right to personal privacy in the Florida Constitution, representing 60 percent of the votes cast — a right the Florida Supreme Court in 1989 would read to broadly protect abortion rights in a case called *In re T.W.*” [Florida Phoenix](#).

abortion is legal until 15 weeks in Florida. If you or someone you know needs an abortion, reach out at 1-800-230-PLAN or visit www.abortionfinder.org.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor, six-week ban currently not in effect.

SEE HOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL VOTED ON THE 6 WEEK ABORTION BAN:

- On the bill: [Senate vote count](#)|[House vote count](#)
- On the amendments filed to reduce harm of the bill:
 - Amendment to give \$25 million to rape crisis centers by Rep. Eskamani
 - Amendment did not pass
 - ([vote count here](#))([amendment here](#))
 - Amendment to allow 1 physician to certify a fatal fetal abnormality diagnosis if second is unavailable (the law requires 2 physicians with no exceptions) by Democratic House Leader Fentrice Driskell
 - Amendment did not pass
 - ([vote count here](#)) ([amendment here](#))
 - Amendment to allow for a sworn statement to suffice as proof for the rape and incest exception by Rep. Robin Bartleman
 - Amendment did not pass
 - ([vote count here](#)) ([amendment here](#))
 - Amendment to make the exceptions to the abortion ban explicit by Rep. Bartleman
 - Amendment did not pass
 - This amendment was filed to account for Floridians [like Anya Cook and Shanae Smith-Cunningham](#), who were both denied needed care due to a lack of clarity in Florida's abortion restrictions.
 - ([vote count here](#)) ([amendment here](#))

POLITICS

Two friends were denied care after Florida banned abortion. One almost died.

New abortion restrictions have disrupted the standard of care for a pregnancy complication both women experienced late last year

HB 1421/SB 254: “~~Treatments for Sex Reassignment~~” Restrictions on Gender Affirming Care for Adults , Ban on Gender Affirming Care for Young People

By Reps [Randy Fine](#) & [Ralph Massullo](#) (Prime co) and Sen. [Clay Yarborough](#)

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Cosponsors; Representatives [Bankson](#), [Black](#), [Jacques](#), [Maggard](#), [Plakon](#), [Roach](#), [Salzman](#), House Health and Human Services Committee, House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, Senators; [Broxson](#), [Perry](#), Senate Health Policy Committee

This bill codifies the Board of Medicine/Board of Osteopathy ban on gender affirming care for minors. It adds significant restrictions for adults receiving gender affirming care in Florida; limiting the use of telehealth and prohibiting NPs and ARNPs from providing this care, despite their qualification and expertise. This bill also adds a state authored informed consent form for adults before they can receive care.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor.

SEE HOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL VOTED: [Senate vote count](#) | [House vote count](#)

HB 1403/SB 1580: “~~Protections of Medical Conscience~~”

License to Discriminate in Healthcare

By Rep. [Joel Rudman](#) and Sen. [Jay Trumbull](#)

Cosponsors; Representatives [Baker](#), [Bankson](#), [Beltran](#), [Berfield](#), [Black](#), [Canady](#), [Daniels](#), [Garcia \(A\)](#), [Gossett-Seidman](#), [Michael](#), [Plasencia](#), [Roth](#), [Steele](#), [Temple](#), [Yeager](#), House Health and Human Services Committee and House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee, Senate Rules Committee

This is a sweeping discriminatory bill that would allow health care employees to deny treatment of patients based on “conscience” with weak notice requirements and no mandatory referrals. It also allows any employee of a health care insurer or management company that works with health insurers to deny coverage for any health care service they do not personally support. Finally, it extends to emergency transport service providers, pharmacists, social workers, and mental health counselors, and permits denial of care, testing, referrals, and diagnosis.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor.

SEE HOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL VOTED: [Senate vote count](#) | [House vote count](#)

HB 1069/SB 1320: “Education”

Don't Say LGBTQ Expansion: State Takeover of Sex Ed, Book Ban Empowerment Bill

By Reps [Adam Anderson](#) and [Stan McClain](#) (prime co) and Sen [Clay Yarborough](#)

Cosponsors; Senator [Perry](#), Senate Education PreK-12 Committee and Representatives: [Baker](#), [Barnaby](#), [Borrero](#), [Fine](#), [Massullo](#), [Plakon](#), [Rizo](#), [Roth](#), [Salzman](#), House Education & Employment Committee, House Education Quality Subcommittee

This is a sweeping education bill that does three main things: 1. takes power from school districts and parents in approving sex ed curriculum and instead gives total power to the State Department of Education in determining sexual health education curriculum, 2. Expands the “Dont Say LGBTQ” legislation to grades K-8, when it was

originally K-3 and 3. Empowers anyone to limit the books available in media centers and classroom libraries.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor.

SEE HOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL VOTED: [Senate vote count](#) | [House vote count](#)

HB 1617/SB 1718: “Immigration”

Anti-Immigration Bill

By Rep [Berny Jacques](#) and [Kiyon Michael](#) (prime co)

Cosponsors; Representatives [Sirois](#), [Tramont](#). House Commerce Committee, Senate Fiscal Policy Committee, Senate Rules Committee

This is an anti-immigrant bill that criminalizes undocumented people and makes it harder for immigrants to access community resources and provide for their families.

This bill requires hospitals to submit an annual report of care provided to undocumented people and requires hospitals to ask patients to disclose their documentation status, but to be clear you have a right to and may decline to answer this question. Meant to cause a chilling effect, this bill intimidates companies in Florida that employ more than 25 people by increasing repercussions for employing undocumented workers and permits random checks from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor.

SEE HOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL VOTED: [Senate vote count](#) | [House vote count](#)

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HB 1033/SB 1076: REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

By Rep. Rita Harris and Senator Lori Berman

Cosponsors; Representatives [Cassello](#), [Eskamani](#), [Edmonds](#)

This bill sought to create the Reproductive Health Protection Act and would have codified the right to an abortion in Florida Statute in accordance with Article I Section 23 of the Florida Constitution.² This bill would have established in Florida law that each

² “1,722,987 Floridians voted in 1980 to enshrine a right to personal privacy in the Florida Constitution, representing 60 percent of the votes cast — a right the Florida Supreme Court in 1989 would read to broadly protect abortion rights in a case called *In re T.W.*” [Florida Phoenix](#).

person has the fundamental right to choose or refuse contraception or sterilization and to choose to carry a pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion in accordance with chapter 390 of Florida law. This bill would have explicitly prohibited a person, the state, a local governmental entity, or any political subdivision from discriminating against, denying, unduly burdening, or interfering with any person's exercise of the fundamental right of privacy, including the right to have an abortion, in Florida.

STATUS: Died, was never heard in committee.

HB 389/SB 334: Learning With Dignity Act

By Rep. Kelly Skidmore and Senator Lauren Book

Cosponsors; Representatives Arrington, Bartleman, Basabe, Benjamin, Bracy Davis, Casello, Dunkley, Eskamani, Franklin II, Harris, Hart, Hinson, Hunschofsky, Joseph, Lopez (J), Mooney, Jr., Nixon, Plakon, Rayner-Goolsby, Robinson (F), Salzman, Silvers, Trabulsy, Valdes, Waldron, Williams, Woodson CS

Sponsors: Education Quality Subcommittee / Senators; Berman and Polsky

This bill creates the Learning With Dignity Act: allowing school districts to make menstrual hygiene products available for free in public schools. This bill would also require participating public school districts to notify students of availability and location.

STATUS: Passed, signed into law by the Governor.

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