

FLORIDA ALLIANCE OF PLANNED
PARENTHOOD AFFILIATES

2022

LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

OVERVIEW

The Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates is the nonpartisan advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood health centers in Florida. In partnership with more than 900,000 activists, supporters and donors in the state, the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates advocates for access to our 20 health centers where patients receive nonjudgmental, compassionate, affordable, and quality care. With nearly 78% of Planned Parenthood health centers in medically underserved areas, Planned Parenthood continues to be a trusted provider for communities in need. Last year, over 70,500 people turned to Planned Parenthood in Florida for care including: 20,500 lifesaving cancer screenings, 83,700 STI tests (including HIV), and 49,400 contraception patients. We also provided reproductive health education to 17,300 people in Florida.

In the last 11 years, over 50 anti-reproductive and sexual health bills have been filed in the Florida legislature. This year was a historically devastating legislative session when it comes

to reproductive rights in Florida. Florida Republicans introduced 5 anti-reproductive and sexual health bills this year. Before the legislative session even started, just days after Texas' six-week ban went into effect, a copycat total abortion ban (with a civil cause of action) was filed by Representative Webster Barnaby. On the first day of legislative session, January 11th, a 15-week abortion ban was filed in the House and Senate at the same time, by Representative Erin Grall and Senator Kelli Stargel which was signed by Governor DeSantis in April, 2022. Senate Democrats and House Democrats introduced over 35 amendments on the abortion ban, none of which were accepted. Democratic Representative James Bush voted in favor of the abortion ban and Republican Representative Rene Plascencia voted against the abortion ban. This is a pre-viability abortion ban that is presently unconstitutional under Roe v. Wade (1973) and Article I Section 23 of Florida's constitution (the right to privacy). Should the courts fail to stop it from being implemented, the law will

SESSION BY THE NUMBERS



2,692 VOLUNTEERS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

75 VOLUNTEERS TESTIFIED IN COMMITTEES

200 SIT-IN FOR HOUSE VOTE ON 15-WEEK BAN

23,562 NEW SUPPORTERS

15,506 ONLINE ACTIONS

700 CALLS TO LEGISLATORS

go into effect on July 1st, 2022, impacting thousands of pregnant people in Florida and the Southern U.S. who increasingly seek care in Florida.

The attacks on sexual and reproductive health care did not stop with the two extreme abortion bills. Additional bills filed included HB 747, which would give health care payers and providers the ability to refuse to cover nonemergency health care services that they do not agree with, including abortion and emergency birth control.

HB 1557, infamously known as the “don’t say gay” bill bans the instruction of gender identity and sexuality in public schools, silencing, and shaming LGBTQ+ youth, LGBTQ+ families and LGBTQ+ teachers. HB 1557 was signed by Governor Desantis and goes into effect on July 1st, 2022, barring legal action for this unconstitutional law. Alongside families, students, and teachers, Equality Florida has already filed suit against

the State of Florida for the discriminatory bill.

For the second year in a row, Republican lawmakers introduced a bill to drastically change our state’s sexual health education policy from “opt-out” to “opt-in”. This bill was not heard in either chamber. The final legislative budget once again included \$4.5 million for anti-abortion fake clinics. Additionally, the final legislative budget included \$2 million to provide Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) at no cost to Floridians through the Dept. Of Health – this measure was included in the budget last year by Republican leadership but was ultimately vetoed by the Governor.

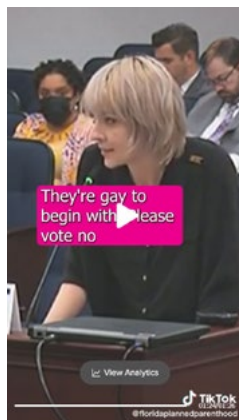
This report provides an overview of the bills that the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates supported, opposed, or monitored during the 2022 Legislative Session in conjunction with our coalition partners.

SOCIAL MEDIA: ONLINE ACTIVISM



2,208,900

MOMENTS OF ONLINE ENGAGEMENT



ANTI-REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LEGISLATION

SB 146/ HB 5

Fifteen-Week Abortion Ban

by Senator Kelli Stargel and Representatives Erin Grall and Jenna Persons-Mulicka

Cosponsors: Reps. Andrade; Barnaby; Bell; Beltran; Borrero; Brannan; Buchanan; Byrd; DiCeglie; Drake; Fabricio; Fetterhoff; Gregory; Harding; Ingoglia; Maggard; Maney; Massullo; Payne; Plakon; Roach; Robinson, W.; Rommel; Roth; Salzman; Sirois; Snyder; Toledo; Yarborough, Senators Bradley; Rodrigues

This legislation attempts to ban abortion after fifteen-weeks without an exception for rape, incest, or human trafficking. This abortion ban includes a limited exception in the cases of “fatal fetal abnormalities,” which would have to be certified in writing by two physicians. It will also create new reporting requirements, fetal and infant mortality review committees, and “birthing quality improvement initiatives” for hospitals. The bill appropriates \$1,602,000 to the Department of Health to establish FIMRs (fetal and infant mortality review committees). Additionally, HB 5 creates a definition for “medication abortion” which is not currently defined in Florida statute. The sponsors of this bill attempted to distract from the abortion ban in the bill by titling it “Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality,” though studies show that states that have extreme restrictions on abortion have higher infant and maternal mortality rates. If the Florida legislature really wanted to reduce fetal and infant mortality, they would pass the three unrelated initiatives as standalone policy without including an abortion ban.

STATUS: Signed by Governor Ron DeSantis on April 8, 2022

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ADVOCATES AT THE FLORIDA CAPITOL PROTESTING THE 15-WEEK ABORTION BAN

HB 167

Six-Week Abortion Ban

by Representative Webster Barnaby

This legislation attempts to ban abortion as early as six weeks gestation. This is an extreme bill modeled after Texas' 6-week abortion ban. This bill includes a private right to action, allowing anyone to sue another person if they suspect that they helped someone get an abortion.

STATUS: Did not see any legislative action.

HB 1305/SB 1842

Anti Sex Education Bill

by Representative Borrero and Senator Baxley

This legislation attempts to change the current policy for sex education from opt-out to opt-in. This bill would require school districts to proactively review materials in their libraries and remove specified materials.

STATUS: Did not see any legislative action.

HB 747/SB 1820

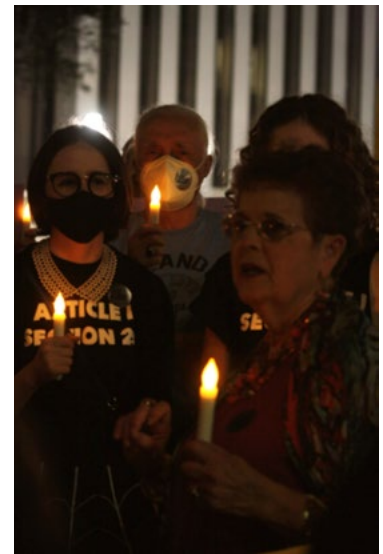
Protections of Medical Conscience

by Representative Snyder and Senator Baxley

CoSponsors: Rep. Altman

Summary from Equality Florida: This legislation would allow healthcare providers and insurers to refuse to provide or pay for care that conflicts with their beliefs, even if the care is critically important and in the best interest of the patient. This bill would allow any health care provider – hospitals, insurance, clinical or non-clinical staff, even medical students – to deny any service based on their “religion, morals, or ethics.” Insurance companies and health plans could refuse to reimburse, pay, or contract for services. Religious health care providers or insurers could discriminate against anyone in employment, contracting, or credentialing based on their religious beliefs. The bill gives those claiming “medical conscience” to deny services full immunity from liability for any negative consequences of their denial.

STATUS: Passed favorably through House Professions and Public Health but did not receive additional committee hearings and ultimately failed to see pass.



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT
THE OLD CAPITOL



ADVOCATES IN THE
HOUSE GALLERY FOR
THE VOTE ON THE 15-
WEEK ABORTION BAN

HB 211 Trans Youth Medical Care Ban

by Rep. Sabatini

This legislation is an extreme attempt to harm transgender youth by charging health care practitioners with a misdemeanor offense for providing gender affirming care to a minor. This is a part of a nationally coordinated attempt to criminalize transgender youth and their families.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.

HB 1557 "Don't Say Gay or Trans" Bill

by Rep. Harding and Sen. Baxley

This legislation will effectively erase LGBTQ students, families, teachers, and history by banning classroom instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in elementary schools or at any level in "a manner that is not age-appropriate". Despite bi-partisan opposition to this bill in both the House and Senate, it passed both chambers and was signed by the governor.

STATUS: Signed by the Governor and will go into effect on July 1st, 2022. Lawyers from Kaplan Hecker & Fink and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) filed a federal complaint challenging HB1557 (widely known as the "Don't Say Gay" law). The lawsuit was filed on behalf of plaintiffs Equality Florida and Family Equality, as well as students, parents, and a teacher.

PRO-REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH LEGISLATION

HB 709/SB 1036

Reproductive Health Care Rights

by Representative Diamond and Senator Berman

CoSponsors: Arrington, Eskamani, Rayner, Thompson

This legislation would create the "Reproductive Health Care Protection Act" in Florida Statute. It would codify that reproductive health care is a fundamental right and ensure that each person in the state of Florida is protected from government entities discriminating against, denying, or unduly burdening a person's right to reproductive health care, including the right to have an abortion. It would also provide a civil cause of action if your reproductive rights were violated based on Article I Section 23 of Florida's constitution, which grants a greater right to privacy than the federal constitution.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.



HB 363/SB 630

"Ava's Law"

by Representative Hart and Senator Shev Jones

CoSponsors: Reps. Benjamin, Eskamani, Hinson, Jenne, Robinson (F), Valdes, Woodson

This legislation would allow incarcerated women to give birth with dignity. It would grant women who are arrested the choice to delay their sentence up to 12 weeks after they give birth, so that they can receive the necessary healthcare for themselves and their infant. This legislation requires that every woman (minor and adult) who is incarcerated be given a pregnancy test (upon their request) within 72 hours of their arrest.

STATUS: This bill was passed unanimously by three Senate committees and the Senate floor but did not see legislative action in the House and ultimately failed to pass.



ADVOCATES TESTIFYING BEFORE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

SB 1642

Informed Consent for Termination of Pregnancy

by Senator Farmer

This legislation would remove medically unnecessary requirements currently in statute.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.

HB 175/SB 248

Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools/Student Health Services

by Representative Grieco and Senator Book

CoSponsors: Reps. Arrington, Bartleman, Benjamin, Casello, Eskamani, Goff-Marcil, Hunschofsky, Silvers, Slosberg-King, Tant, Valdes, Willhite, Woodson Senators Harrell, Polsky

This legislation would require public and charter schools to provide free menstrual hygiene products to students.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.

HB 249/SB 456

Driver License and Identification Card Gender Designation

by Representative C Smith and Senator Book

CoSponsors: Reps. Arrington, Benjamin, Tant

This legislation allows for a non-binary gender ID marker on licenses and id cards. It would also expand current language in statute from "gender" to "gender designation" which recognizes that gender is a spectrum. It replaces the word "sex" with "gender designation" throughout Chapter 322 of Florida Statutes.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.

HB 627/SB 688

Employment Practices for Family and Medical Leave

by Representative Davis, Nixon and Senator Book

CoSponsors: Eskamani, Learned

This legislation would create the “Florida Family and Medical Leave Act” which would require employers to provide employees with paid family leave to bond with a child for the first twelve months after birth, adoption or foster care placement. The bill requires that leave must be without discontinuation of any of the privileges of a person’s employment. It also provides for civil action and penalties and creates a family medical leave insurance benefits program.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.

SB 1936/HB 1409

Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality

by Senator Farmer and Representative Eskamani

This legislation would require public schools to teach comprehensive sex education and remove the language that requires abstinence only sexual education in schools. This bill would maintain the current opt-out policy. It also provides for a formal complaint and appeals process to local school districts should a parent feel that the school is not in compliance with the requirements set forth.

STATUS: Did not see legislative action.



STAFF AND
GENERATION ACTION
STUDENT ADVOCATES
IN TALLAHASSEE

OTHER LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

HB 7/SB 148

The Stop Learning Act/Anti-DEI Bill

by Representative Avila and Senator Diaz

This legislation would take away the rights of all students to learn about systemic discrimination. It would remove professional training for school staff, and the right private employers have to train, in the areas of diversity including gender cultural competency, privilege, inclusion, anti-racism, anti-discrimination, etc. It would also create a cause of action for parents, or community members, to sue a school district should they feel offended by the teaching of accurate history regarding racism, sexism, white supremacy and privilege. That same cause of action would extend to employees to sue their employees in the private sector.

STATUS: Passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor. This unconstitutional law will go into effect on July 1st, 2022, barring legal action.

SB 1808/HB 1355

Anti-Immigrant Family Separation

by Senator Bean and Representative Snyder

This legislation would prohibit bringing unaccompanied immigrant children to Florida to reunite with their families by prohibiting contracts with private entities and charitable nonprofits that provide transportation to immigrant children and adults. This bill would also require local law enforcement to report individuals' immigration status to the State.

STATUS: Passed both chambers and is awaiting a signature by the Governor. This bill will go into effect on July 1st, 2022.

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