

Florida Association of Planned Parenthood Affiliates

2011 Legislative Session Report Card





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Instead of creating jobs, strengthening the economy and passing a budget that supports working families during the 2011 Florida legislative session, elected officials focused on attacking women's rights and making it harder to access essential reproductive health services. Florida families – especially women – will pay the price for the misspent priorities this session.

Over the last two months, the Florida legislature launched a wholesale attack on women, filing **18 anti-choice bills**. Some of the bills were among the most extreme in the nation – many lacked exemptions for women who face threats to their health or are coping with fetal anomaly, or lacked exemptions for pregnancies that are a result of rape or incest. And several of the bills attempted to severely restrict or outright ban abortion in Florida.

While we were able to stop many of the attacks, the Legislature still passed four anti-choice bills and an anti-choice constitutional amendment that will be on the November 2012 ballot. If the ballot measure passes next year, Florida's constitutional privacy provision – currently among the strongest in the country – will be stripped from the state's constitution.

Here are short descriptions of the bills that passed this session:

HB 501 diverts funds from the sale of "Choose Life" license plates from providing material needs for pregnant women considering adoption, and instead allows the funds to be spent on marketing, advertising, and billboards. More funds will be provided to so-called "crisis pregnancy centers" (CPCs), which have been known to provide women with inaccurate, politically biased information – instead of the medical assistance they seek.

HB 1127 takes medicine out of the hands of doctors and places it firmly in the hands of government by mandating an ultrasound be performed prior to an abortion. This legislation ultimately takes away a doctor's ability to act in the best medical judgment of his or her patient.

HB 1247 makes it harder for a teen to obtain an abortion by adding onerous hurdles and delays to the judicial bypass process, including changing the maturity standards judges' use and lengthening the time a judge has to rule – by up to 20 days. More than 97 percent of teens already involve a parent or guardian when making a decision about an unplanned pregnancy. Yet for those teens who don't have a parent or guardian to go to, who face physical abuse, fear being kicked out of their homes, or have parents who are addicted to drugs or alcohol – they need a judicial bypass process that is expeditious and unbiased.

HB 97 unfairly denies women access to the full range of health care procedures covered by their private health insurance plans – even if she needs an abortion to protect her health. Denying private insurance coverage for abortion will result in real hardship for women.

HJR 1179 is an attempt to amend our Constitution and deny women fundamental privacy rights to access abortion.

Thankfully we were able to stop the most egregious measures introduced this session including:

HB 321 would have barred women from obtaining an abortion in Florida after 20 weeks of pregnancy. This legislation is also known as the “Nebraska abortion ban” after Nebraska was the first state to pass this ban into law.

HB 415 would have banned abortion in Florida, even in cases of rape and incest, and would have created a legal challenge to the US Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade*.

HB 1397 and SB 1748 would have created onerous restrictions for abortion providers, including requiring additional reporting requirements that would have violated women’s privacy, and forced abortion providers to close their doors in Florida.

While session is over, our fight carries on. Planned Parenthood will continue to stand up for women’s rights and to protect women’s health.

For more than 90 years, building healthy communities has been Planned Parenthood’s mission. Our health care services include lifesaving cancer screenings, breast health care, well-woman exams, contraceptive services, sexually transmitted infection prevention and treatment, and much more. Over 90 percent of the services we offer are preventive services that help women, families and communities stay healthy and thrive.

We’re here for every person, every family and every community. We’re here to make the world a healthy place. You can count on Planned Parenthood — even if you can’t count on the Florida legislature — to protect women’s health.

Thank you for standing with Planned Parenthood.

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This session, legislators had the opportunity to cast more than 50 votes for or against reproductive health care. Vote tallies include bills heard in committee or on the floor, and include amendments offered by pro-choice legislators to make anti-choice bills better for Floridians. Grades are based on the number of pro- and anti-choice votes cast this session. Additional credit was given to those legislators who introduced amendments or legislation on behalf of Planned Parenthood.

Those legislators who were extraordinary defenders of choice in 2011 are on our Honor Roll, and their outstanding efforts are recognized on the next two pages. Finally, since these legislators stood up for women's health in Tallahassee, they stand out in our report card too – you'll find their entries are **highlighted in gold**.

Report Card Key

<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
101+	A+
100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
Less than 59	F

★ House Honor Roll ★

Representative Berman (D-Delray Beach) offered several amendments in committee and on the floor to make the “Stupak” insurance abortion ban and the Mandatory Ultrasound bill better for the women of Florida. As a freshman member she was instrumental in defending women’s access to reproductive health care in debate.



Representative Chestnut (D-Gainesville) offered a budget amendment to zero-fund so-called “crisis pregnancy centers” and increase funding for family planning in the state budget.

Representative Clemens (D-Lake Worth) proposed amendments to the “Choose Life” license plate bill in committee, including suggesting the plate read “Choose Adoption.” He was an outspoken advocate for women’s health, speaking out against anti-choice bills on the floor.



Representative Cruz (D-Tampa) gathered women Democratic legislators at a press conference to speak against the six anti-choice bills filed this session. She also led the debate against the bills on the House floor, sharing her personal story of becoming a mother at a young age.

Representative Jones (D-Jacksonville) offered an amendment on the “Stupak” insurance abortion ban to protect women’s health. She was a strong advocate for women this session against the anti-choice attacks.



Representative Pafford (D-West Palm Beach) offered several amendments to make the Mandatory Ultrasound bill and the Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) bill better on the floor. He also served on nearly every health care committee and was a leader against the anti-choice bills in both committee and on the floor.

Representative Randolph (D-Orlando) was a champion for women’s health this session, and was behind the House “uterus” debacle – after being admonished on the House Floor for suggesting his wife incorporate her uterus in order to prevent the legislature from attacking women’s reproductive health care. Representative Randolph offered several amendments to the “Choose Life” license plate bill, the “Stupak” insurance abortion ban and the constitutional amendment to ban public funding of abortion on the floor.



★ Senate Honor Roll ★



Senator Jones (R-Seminole) was the only Republican member to vote against every anti-choice bill this session. He often spoke out against anti-choice attacks and voted with us on amendments to make anti-choice legislation better for the women of Florida.

Senator Joyner (D-Tampa) fought hard for the women of Florida this session, voting against anti-choice attacks, offering amendments to make several anti-choice bills better, including the “Choose Life” license plate and the bill amending the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. Senator Joyner was a constant voice against the anti-choice attacks in committee and on the floor.



Senator Margolis (D-Miami) was influential in amending the “Stupak” insurance abortion ban and the Constitutional amendment to add broader exemptions for women facing health issues during pregnancy.


Senator Rich (D-Sunrise) was a steadfast champion for women’s reproductive health care this session. Senator Rich introduced several amendments to protect women’s health, including an amendment on the Medicaid managed care bill to ensure family planning was a continued service provided to women of child bearing age who rely on Medicaid for their health care.





Senator Sobel (D-Hollywood) spoke against anti-choice attacks this session in both committee and on the floor. She offered several amendments to ensure women’s health was protected under the “Stupak” insurance abortion ban.

House Report Card

<u>Representative</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Joseph Abruzzo	85	D	100	A
Janet Adkins	12	R	0	F
Larry Ahern	51	R	0	F
Ben Albritton	66	R	0	F
Frank Artiles	119	R	0	F
Gary Aubuchon	74	R	0	F
Dennis Baxley	24	R	0	F
Leonard Bemby	10	D	0	F
★ Lori Berman	86	D	105	A+
Mack Bernard	84	D	95	A-
Michael Bileca	117	R	0	F
Esteban Bovo, Jr.	110	R	Resigned	—
Jim Boyd	68	R	0	F
Jeffrey Brandes	52	R	0	F
Jason Brodeur	33	R	0	F
Douglas Broxson	1	R	0	F
Dwight Bullard	118	D	100	A
Rachel Burgin	56	R	0	F
Matthew Caldwell	73	R	0	F
Daphne Campbell	108	D	30	F
Dean Cannon	35	R	0	F
★ Chuck Chestnut IV	23	D	105	A+
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	92	D	100	A
★ Jeff Clemens	89	D	105	A+
Marti Coley	7	R	0	F
Richard Corcoran	45	R	0	F
Frederick Costello	26	R	0	F
Steve Crisafulli	32	R	0	F
★ Janet Cruz	58	D	105	A+
Daniel Davis	13	R	0	F

<u>Representative</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Jose Felix Diaz	115	R	7	F
Chris Dorworth	34	R	0	F
Brad Drake	5	R	0	F
Eric Eisnaugle	40	R	0	F
Clay Ford	3	R	0	F
Erik Fresen	111	R	0	F
James Frishe	54	R	0	F
Reggie Fullwood	15	D	105	A+
Matt Gaetz	4	R	0	F
Luis Garcia, Jr.	107	D	93	A-
Joseph Gibbons	105	D	100	A
Richard Glorioso	62	R	0	F
Eduardo Gonzalez	102	R	0	F
Tom Goodson	29	R	0	F
James Grant	47	R	0	F
Denise Grimsley	77	R	0	F
Bill Hager	87	R	0	F
Gayle Harrell	81	R	0	F
Shawn Harrison	60	R	0	F
Doug Holder	70	R	0	F
Ed Hooper	50	R	0	F
Mike Horner	79	R	0	F
Matt Hudson	101	R	0	F
Dorothy Hukill	28	R	0	F
Clay Ingram	2	R	0	F
Evan Jenne	100	D	100	A
 Mia Jones	14	D	105	A+
John Patrick Julien	104	D	29	F
Martin David Kiar	97	D	100	A
Paige Kreegel	72	R	0	F

<u>Representative</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Rick Kriseman	53	D	100	A
John Legg	46	R	0	F
Ana Rivas Logan	114	R	0	F
Carlos Lopez-Cantera	113	R	0	F
Debbie Mayfield	80	R	0	F
Charles McBurney	16	R	0	F
Seth McKeel	63	R	0	F
Larry Metz	25	R	0	F
George Moraitis, Jr.	91	R	0	F
Peter Nehr	48	R	0	F
Bryan Nelson	38	R	0	F
Jeanette Nunez	112	R	0	F
H. Marlene O'Toole	42	R	0	F
 Mark Pafford	88	D	105	A+
Kathleen Passidomo	76	R	6	F
Jimmy Patronis	6	R	0	F
Steven Perman	78	D	100	A
W. Keith Perry	22	R	0	F
Ray Pilon	69	R	6	F
Scott Plakon	37	R	0	F
Elizabeth Porter	11	R	0	F
Ari Porth	96	D	100	A
Steve Precourt	41	R	0	F
William Proctor	20	R	0	F
 Scott Randolph	36	D	105	A+
Lake Ray	17	R	0	F
Betty Reed	59	D	100	A
Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda	9	D	100	A
Ronald Renuart	18	R	0	F
Kenneth Roberson	71	R	6	F

Representative	District	Party	Score	Grade
Hazelle Rogers	94	D	100	A
Patrick Rooney, Jr.	83	R	0	F
Darryl Rouson	55	D	100	A
Franklin Sands	98	D	100	A
Ron Saunders	120	D	100	A
Robert Schenck	44	R	0	F
Elaine Schwartz	99	D	100	A
Irving Slosberg	90	D	100	A
Jimmie Smith	43	R	0	F
William Snyder	82	R	0	F
Darren Soto	49	D	100	A
Cynthia Stafford	109	D	100	A
Kelli Stargel	64	R	0	F
Richard Steinberg	106	D	100	A
W. Gregory Steube	67	R	0	F
Dwayne Taylor	27	D	87	B+
Geraldine Thompson	39	D	100	A
Perry Thurston, Jr.	93	D	100	A
John Tobia	31	R	0	F
Carlos Trujillo	116	R	0	F
Charles Van Zant	21	R	0	F
James Waldman	95	D	100	A
Barbara Watson	103	D	100	A
Will Weatherford	61	R	0	F
Michael Weinstein	19	R	0	F
Alan Williams	8	D	100	A
Trudi Williams	75	R	0	F
John Wood	65	R	0	F
Ritch Workman	30	R	0	F
Dana Young	57	R	0	F

Senate Report Card

<u>Senator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
JD Alexander	17	R	0	F
Thad Altman	24	R	7	F
Lizbeth Benacquisto	27	R	10	F
Michael Bennett	21	R	67	D+
Ellyn Bogdanoff	25	R	18	F
Oscar Braynon II	33	D	105	A+
Larcenia Bullard	39	D	100	A
Charles Dean, Sr.	3	R	0	F
Nancy Detert	23	R	70	C-
Miguel Diaz de la Portilla	36	R	0	F
Paula Dockery	15	R	29	F
Greg Evers	2	R	0	F
Mike Fasano	11	R	0	F
Anitere Flores	38	R	0	F
Don Gatez	4	R	0	F
Rene Garcia	40	R	7	F
Andy Gardiner	9	R	0	F
Mike Haridopolos	26	R	0	F
Alan Hays	20	R	0	F
Anthony Hill, Sr.	1	D	100	A
★ Dennis Jones	13	R	92	A-
★ Arthenia Joyner	18	D	105	A+
Jack Latvala	16	R	27	F
Evelyn Lynn	7	R	77	C+
★ Gwen Margolis	35	D	98	A
Bill Montford	6	D	55	F
Joe Negron	28	R	9	F
Jim Norman	12	R	0	F
Steve Oelrich	14	R	14	F

	<u>Senator</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
★	Nan Rich	34	D	105	A+
	Garrett Richter	37	R	0	F
	Jeremy Ring	32	D	100	A
	Maria Lorts Sachs	30	D	100	A
	David Simmons	22	R	0	F
	Gary Siplin	19	D	0	F
	Chris Smith	29	D	100	A
★	Eleanor Sobel	31	D	105	A+
	Ronda Storms	10	R	0	F
	John Thrasher	8	R	0	F
	Stephen Wise	5	R	0	F