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2008 Legislative Scorecard

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House & Senate Bill Descriptions

A = House Bill 85: Criminal Punishment for Lewd and Lascivious Molestation of a Minor (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Requires life sentences for second or subsequent offenses of lewd or lascivious molestation against victim less than 12 years of age. (This bill passed the Florida House, the Florida Senate, and on 6/17/2008 was approved by the Governor into Law; Chapter No. 2008-182)

B = Weakening Amendment to House Bill 257: Requiring an Ultrasound Reviewed with the Patient prior to an Abortion (2008) - (Amendment was Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Had this amendment been added to this bill it would have rendered the bill meaningless with regards to the ultrasound procedures required prior to an abortion. (The amendment was voted down)

C = Committee Substitute for House Bill 257: Requiring an Ultrasound Reviewed with the Patient prior to an Abortion (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Requires third trimester abortions to be performed in hospital; provides for disciplinary actions; requires ultrasound that is reviewed with patient; specifies who must perform required duties; requires written certification when patient declines review; provides exemptions; revises printed materials requirements; revises parental notice provisions; requires appointment of guardian ad litem for minor petitioning for waiver; specifies factors in determining whether minor is sufficiently mature; revises hearings confidentiality provisions. (This bill passed the Florida House and died in the Florida Senate)

D = Senate Bill 302: Public School Decency & Dress Requirements (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Prohibits students from wearing and exposing below-waist underwear in a specified manner while on the grounds of a public school, etc. (This bill passed the Florida Senate and was amended and passed by the House, but the Senate refused to concur and the bill died)

E = Senate Concurrent Resolution 362: "The Equal Rights Amendment" (2008) - (Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Fla)

Ratifies the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution relating to equal rights for men and women, etc. (This bill passed one committee in the Florida Senate and died in the next committee)

F = House Bill 503: Preservation and Protection of 2nd Amendment Rights in the Personal Property of a Vehicle (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Creates "Preservation and Protection of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act of 2008"; prohibits public or private employer from prohibiting customer, employee, or invitee from possessing any legally owned firearm that is lawfully possessed & locked inside or locked to private motor vehicle in parking lot; prohibits such entities from violating specified privacy rights by verbal or written inquiry, etc. (This bill passed the Florida House, the Florida Senate, and on 4/15/2008 was approved by the Governor into Law; Chapter No. 2008-7)

G = House Bill 513: "Florida Unborn Victims of Violence Act" (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Defines term "unborn child" for purposes of vehicular homicide; revises terminology to refer to "unborn child" rather than "viable fetus"; provides that certain offenses relating to killing of unborn child by injury to mother do not require specified knowledge or intent. (This bill passed the Florida House but died in the Florida Senate)

Key:

Voted with the CCFLA -



Voted opposite the CCFLA -



Did not vote on the bill -



Not in office yet -



Absent due to fatal illness -



H = Senate Bill 526: "Erin's Law" (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Provides that charter and private school students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school under certain conditions. Provides for a public school student to participate in interscholastic sports at another public school, etc. (This bill passed the Florida House, the Florida Senate and on 6/30/2008 was approved by the Governor into Law; Chapter No. 2008-228)

I = House Bill 559: Prohibition of Materials Harmful to Minors (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Prohibits distributing certain materials to minors; prohibits knowingly using minor in production of certain materials, regardless of whether those materials are intended for distribution to minors or actually distributed to minors; provides that ignorance of minor's age or minor's consent is not defense in prosecution for specified violations; revises legislative intent concerning enforcement of such laws with respect to minors; provides exemption to sections amended by this act for providers of communications services & providers of information services in certain circumstances. (This bill passed the Florida House, the Florida Senate and on 6/10/2008 was approved by the Governor into Law; Chapter No. 2008-120)

J = Senate Bill 572: Civil Rights/Sexual Orientation & Familial Status (2008) - (Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Includes sexual orientation and familial status as impermissible grounds for discrimination under the Florida Civil Rights Act and in public lodging and food service establishments. Includes sexual orientation, familial status, and marital status as impermissible grounds for discrimination under the Fair Housing Act. Defines "sexual orientation," etc. (This bill passed one committee in the Senate and died in the next committee)

K = Senate Bill 590: Pari-mutuel Wagering - Jai Alai Taxes and Cardrooms (2008) - (Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Fla)

Requires the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering to adopt rules governing the humane treatment of racing animals at pari-mutuel facilities. Deletes provisions requiring a biweekly period for the payment of jai alai taxes and greyhound dogracing taxes. Requires that the division adopt rules for the supervision and regulation of the welfare of racing animals. Limits the hours of cardrooms operations, etc. (This bill passed the Florida Senate and died in the Florida House of Representatives)

L = Senate Bill 604: Pari-mutuel Wagering - Quarter Horses and Cardrooms (2008) - (Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Fla)

Removes provisions requiring an application to the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering for a permit to conduct quarter horse race meetings. Provides for a full schedule of races for a new permitholder to be eligible to renew a cardroom license. Provides an exception to the requirement that each thoroughbred permitholder run an average of one race per racing day against horses bred in this state that have preference over nonstate horses, etc. (This bill passed the Florida Senate and died in the Florida House)

M = House Bill 653: Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Initial vote in the Florida House (see description under "N" below)

N = House Bill 653: Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program (2008) - (Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Revises program purposes; provides that specified students who are currently or have been in foster care are eligible for participation in program; provides that siblings of certain students are eligible for participation in program; revises provisions relating to expenditure of contributions received by scholarship-funding organization during state fiscal year; provides for preservation of credits under certain circumstances, etc. (This bill passed the Florida House, the Florida Senate and on 06/30/08 was approved by the Governor; Chapter No. 2008-241)

Florida Senate Scores and Bill Descriptions

Average Senate Score: 57.3% F

	A	D	E	H	J	K	L	N	P	S	U	V	W	Y	Z	Score(%)	
Alexander	?	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	⊙	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	81.8	B
Aronberg	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	23.1	F
Atwater	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	⊙	58.3	F
Baker	✓	✓	✓	✓	□	✓	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	92.3	A
Bennett	✓	✓	□	✓	□	?	x	✓	□	x	x	x	x	x	x	45.5	F
Bullard, L.	✓	✓	□	x	□	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	30.8	F
Carlton	✓	✓	□	✓	□	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	84.6	B
Constantine	✓	✓	□	✓	□	✓	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	91.7	A
Crist, V.	✓	x	□	✓	x	x	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	69.2	D
Dawson	⊙	✓	□	?	□	⊙	?	✓	□	x	x	✓	⊙	x	⊙	50.0	F
Dean	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	66.7	F
Deutch	✓	x	x	x	□	x	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	14.3	F
Diaz de la Portilla	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	60.0	F
Dockery	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	41.7	F
Fasano	✓	✓	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	50.0	F
Gaetz	✓	x	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	85.7	B
Garcia	✓	✓	□	✓	x	✓	x	✓	□	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	76.9	C
Geller	✓	✓	x	✓	□	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	30.8	F
Haridopolos	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	75.0	C
Hill	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	33.3	F

	A	D	E	H	J	K	L	N	P	S	U	V	W	Y	Z	Score(%)	
Jones	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	30.8	F
Joyner	✓	x	x	✓	□	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	30.8	F
Justice	✓	x	□	✓	x	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	30.8	F
King	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	41.7	F
Lawson	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	x	x	38.5	F
Lynn	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	x	41.7	F
Margolis	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	41.7	F
Oelrich	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	69.2	D
Peaden	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	84.6	B
Posey	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	91.7	A
Pruitt	✓	✓	□	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	58.3	F
Rich	✓	x	□	✓	□	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	33.3	F
Ring	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	35.7	F
Saunders	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	✓	x	✓	50.0	F
Siplin	✓	✓	□	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	71.4	D
Storms	✓	✓	□	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100.0	A
Villalobos	✓	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	□	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	53.9	F
Webster	✓	✓	✓	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100.0	A
Wilson	⊙	?	□	x	□	x	x	?	x	x	?	?	✓	x	x	25.0	F
Wise	✓	✓	□	✓	□	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100.0	A

House & Senate Bill Descriptions continued:

O = Amendment to House Bill 669: "Sexual Orientation" amendment to the School Safety Bill (2008) -

(Amendment was Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Had this amendment passed it would have given special rights to homosexuals at school regarding being harassed by other students. (The amendment failed in the House and was not added to the bill)

P = Combined Committee Votes on Senate Bills 780 & 848: Reproductive Health Services and Family Planning & Public School Human Sexuality Education (2008) - *(Both Senate Bills were Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

The first bill requires licensed pharmacies to dispense certain forms of contraception without delay, etc. The second bill requires school programs to provide information or offer programs regarding family planning, and pregnancy. (Both bills passed the first committee of reference and died in the second committee)

R = House Bill 893: Tax Holiday on School Supplies & Clothing (2008) - *(Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

Specifies period during which sales of books, clothing, & school supplies are exempt from taxation; provides exceptions; provides appropriation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. (This bill passed the Florida House and died in the Senate)

S = Senate Bill 970: Slot Machine Revenues (2008) - *(Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

Revises the tax rate on slot machine revenues at pari-mutuel facilities. Provides a tax rate on video lottery terminals, electronic gaming, Class II or Class III gaming at said facilities, etc. (This bill passed the Florida Senate and died in the House)

T = "Stall Tactic" Motion made regarding House Bill 1271: "Give Grandparents and Other Relatives a Voice Act" (2008) -

(Motion was Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

Motion was made to read the bill in its entirety on the House floor as a stall tactic. The bill expands access to certain confidential reports of child abuse or neglect to include physicians, psychologists, & mental health professionals; provides conditions for relative to be collateral contact in certain child protective investigations; provides for relative to request notice of proceedings & hearings & to speak to court relating to certain children; etc. (A vote was taken on the ill intended motion and the motion was defeated)

Key:

Voted with the CCFLA -

Voted opposite the CCFLA -

Did not vote on the bill -

Not on that committee -

Absent on that day -

U = Senate Bill 1380: Electronic Gaming Machines (2008) - *(Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

Provides that any electronic gaming machine licensee may possess and operate electronic gaming machines at an eligible facility where the licensee is authorized to conduct pari-mutuel wagering activities pursuant to pari-mutuel provisions. (This bill passed the Florida Senate and died in the Florida House of Representatives)

V = Senate Bill 1442: Prosecution Regarding Child Pornography (2008) - *(Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

Permits use of a pseudonym to designate the victim of a crime involving a victim of production, possession, or promotion of child pornography. Revises provisions relating to the sale or transfer of minors into sex trafficking or prostitution. Requires law enforcement to provide certain information to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, etc. (This bill passed both chambers and became law)

W = Senate Bill 2378: Pari-mutuel Wagering & Permit Converting (2008) - *(Opposed by the Christian Coalition of Fla)*

Provides for a jai alai permitholder meeting certain conditions to apply to convert a permit to conduct jai alai to a permit to conduct greyhound racing. Provides for the relocation of certain permits, etc. (This bill was voted down in the Florida Senate)

Y = Senate Bill 2400: Requiring an Ultrasound Reviewed with the Patient prior to an Abortion (2008) -

(Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)

This bill is the Senate companion to HB 257 (see description of "C" on previous page). (This bill was voted down in the Florida Senate)

Z = Senate Bill 2692: "Evolution Academic Freedom Act" (2008) - *(Supported by the Christian Coalition of Florida)*

Provides public school teachers with a right to present scientific information relevant to the full range of views on biological and chemical evolution. (The House and the Senate passed differing versions of this bill and did not reach an agreement so the bill died)