



OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS TO IMMIGRANT FAMILIES 2025 Legislative Priorities

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Bill/Sponsor/Position	Description/ Status
SUPPORT: Florida Economic Prosperity and Immigration Act SB 1668 / HB 1435 Sponsor: Sen. Smith and Rep. Joseph	Makes Florida a more welcoming state for all people, especially immigrant communities. Removes the requirement for hospitals to collect patient immigration status data, restores fairness in higher education, eliminates the obligation for employers to terminate someone upon discovering unauthorized alien status, including protection from discrimination based on immigration status in the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992. Status: HB 1435 referred to House Judiciary, Commerce, Budget, State Affairs. SB 1668 referred to Commerce and Tourism, Appropriations on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development, and Senate Fiscal Policy. No hearings scheduled.
SUPPORT: Penalties for Notario Fraud SB 846 / HB 915 Sponsor: Sen. Polsky and Rep. Johanna Lopez and Rep. Woodson	This bill aims to protect individuals seeking assistance with immigration matters from fraudulent practices by unqualified individuals, including misuse of notary public licenses to imply authorization for practicing the law. It establishes clear rules for permissible services, prohibited practices, and transparency requirements for non-attorney immigration service providers. Status: SB 0846 heard by Commerce and Tourism and Judiciary Committees and approved unanimously. Currently waiting to be placed on Rules Committee agenda. HB 915 heard by Civil Justice and Claims and approved unanimously and waiting to be placed on the Judiciary Committee agenda.
SUPPORT: Preventing Heat Illness SB 510 / HB 35 (HB 1177) Sponsor: Sen. Rouson and Rep. Gottlieb	Provides for heat illness prevention measures for outdoor workers. Employers must implement safety programs approved by state departments of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and DBPR that include supervisor training, access to water and shade, and high-heat procedures. Defines responsibilities for both employers and workers, requires annual multilingual training, and establishes a certification process. An additional bill (HB 1177) proposing a comprehensive update to labor regulations also includes measures for heat illness prevention. Status: HB 35 referred to Industries and Professional Activities Subcommittee, Human Services, and Commerce. SB 510 referred to Commerce and Tourism, Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government, and Senate Fiscal Policy. No committee meetings scheduled.
OPPOSE: Student Dreams Ban SB 244/ HB 855	Postsecondary Education; Prohibiting Florida College System institutions and state universities that meet specified criteria from accepting the application of or admitting an individual who is undocumented for federal immigration purposes; deleting provisions relating to the waiver of out-of-state fees for certain students, etc.

Sponsor: Sen. Fine and Rep. Tramont	Status: SB 244 referred to Appropriations Committee on Higher Education and Senate Rules, HB 855 Education Administration Subcommittee and House Education and Employment Committee. No committee meetings scheduled.
OPPOSE: E-Verify Enforcement Anti-Business Bill SB 782/ HB 1033 / HB 955 Sponsor: Sen Pizzo and Rep. Tant and Rep. Jacques	Would include all businesses in the error-prone e-verify system and increase enforcement penalties for violations. Status: SB 782 referred to Senate Commerce and Tourism, Appropriations Committee on Transportation Tourism and Economic Development, Rules, but no hearings scheduled; HB 1033 referred to House Industries and Professional activities, Transportation and Economic Development, Commerce, but no hearing scheduled; HB 955 heard in House Industries and Professional activities and Commerce and approved 12 yeas, 4 nays. It was approved favorably by Commerce Committee 19 yeas, 3 nays. Currently placed on calendar for second reading.
OPPOSE: Citizen Status on Identification and Driver License Cards SB 1258/ HB 891 Sponsor: Sen. Gruters and Rep. Melo	Requires identification cards and drivers to display the letters “NC” to denote noncitizen status for individuals who provide certain documents during the application process. Status: SB 1258 referred to Ethics and Elections, Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, and Fiscal Policy; and HB 891 referred to Government Operations Subcommittee and State Affairs Committee
OPPOSE: Unfairness in Lending and Money Transfers SB 1498/ HB 1279 Sponsor: Sen. Ingoglia and Rep. Michael	Requires proof of immigration status for a number of financial functions including using money transfer services commonly used to send remittance abroad. This bill also restricts money lending from financial institutions and bans home ownership for undocumented immigrants. Status: SB 1498 referred to Commerce and Tourism, Senate Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, and Rules HB 1279 to House Commerce, Budget Committee, and State Affairs Committee
OPPOSE: Abandoning Kids At Risk SB 1626/ HB 1301 Sponsor: Sen. Grall and Rep. Yarkosky	Puts immigrant kids and their sponsors at risk by deputizing child welfare workers to be another branch of immigration enforcement. Allows for the re-victimization of children abused in their home country and restricts who can represent their cases. Status: SB 1626 scheduled for a committee hearing in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs at 8:30am on 3/12/25, Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and Fiscal Policy; HB 1301 assigned to House Human Services Subcommittee, Healthcare Budget Subcommittee, Health and Human Services Subcommittee.
Member Organizations’ Priorities	
SUPPORT: Protect Access to Utility Services in Emergencies (Pause) Act	The PAUSE Act provides significant economic savings, improves disaster preparedness and recovery, and decreases violent crime, while protecting the health and wellbeing of vulnerable populations such as the elderly, veterans, pregnant women, and young children.

SB 330/ HB 419 Sponsor: Sen. Berman and Rep. Tendrich	Status: HB 419 assigned to House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee, Civil Justice Claims and Commerce; SB 330 assigned to Senate Regulated Industries, Appropriations Committee on Agriculture Environment General Government and Fiscal Policy.
OPPOSE: BILL NAME HB 1381 Elections Sponsor: Persons-Mulicka	Among many other new restrictions on voter registration and supervision of elections meant to create more barriers to participation, this bill requires that a drivers licence include a marker indicating Citizens and Non-Citizens. Since undocumented immigrants are not permitted to apply for drivers licenses, this measure targets permanent residents. Status: Passed Government Operations Subcommittee (12 Y, 5 N) and now in State Affairs Committee.
OPPOSE: BILL NAME HB 1225 / SB 918: Employment of Minors Sponsor: Miller / Collins	Weakens protections in place for minors in the workforce. Status: SB 918 passed Commerce and Tourism favorably by Commerce and Tourism (5 Y, 4 N) and awaiting a hearing in Regulated Industries; Passed Industries and Professional Activities Subcommittee (12 Y, 6 N) and awaiting hearing in Education and Employment Subcommittee.
OPPOSE: BILL NAME HB 541 / SB 676 Minimum Wage Requirements Sponsor: Miller / Chamberlain	Allows for reclassification of workers as intern in order to pay below the minimum wage Status: HB 541 passed favorably Commerce Committee (14 Y, 6 N) and placed on calendar on 2nd reading. SB 676 passed favorable Government Oversight and Accountabilty (5 Y, 1 N) and in Rules but not currently on agenda.