



Legislative Information

Florida National Organization for Women

FL NOW 2010 PRIORITY BILLS

CONSTITUTIONAL EQUALITY

S1192 by Joyner / H8003 by Jenne

Equal Rights for Men and Women; Ratifies the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

S400 by Fasano / H229 by Jenne

Rape Crisis Programs/Court Cost or Surcharge; Requires that an additional court cost or surcharge be assessed against a defendant who pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to, or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, certain specified criminal offenses. Provides for proceeds of the additional court cost or surcharge to be deposited into the Rape Crisis Program Trust fund, etc. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

S642 by Smith / H467 by Jones

Public K-12 Education/Teen Dating Violence & Abuse; Provides that comprehensive health education taught in the public schools shall include a component on teen dating violence and abuse for students in grades 7 through 12. Requires district school boards to adopt and implement a dating violence and abuse policy. Provides policy requirements. Requires the Department of Education to develop a model policy. Requires school personnel training. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

S882 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

OGSR/Address Confidentiality/Domestic Violence; Repeals a specified provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for information in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence under s. 741.465, F.S. Saves the exemption from repeal under the OGSR Act. Deletes provisions providing for repeal of the exemption. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

S1040 by Rich

Domestic Violence Trust Fund; Requires the court to impose a surcharge of \$301, rather than the formerly imposed surcharge of \$201, for violations of certain specified provisions of law and for other offenses of domestic violence. Requires the clerk of court to deposit the sum of \$185, rather than the formerly required deposit of \$85, into the Domestic Violence Trust Fund. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

S652 by Rich / H517 by Gibson

Reproductive Health Services/Rape Survivors; Creates the "Prevention First Act." Provides duties of licensed health care practitioners and facilities relating to the treatment of rape survivors. Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide for enforcement and impose penalties.

Requires licensed pharmacies to dispense certain forms of contraception without delay. Specifies conditions under which a pharmacy may refuse to provide a contraceptive, etc. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

H169 by Fitzgerald

Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality; Creates "Florida Healthy Teens Act"; requires public schools that provide certain information or programs to students concerning human sexuality to provide information that meets specified criteria; authorizes parents or guardians to seek review of school's compliance & provides for corrective actions; provides for exemption from certain teaching. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

S7014 PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILL for Consideration by Judiciary

OGSR/Identification of a Minor; Amends specified provision relating to a public records exemption for information contained in court files which identifies a minor petitioning for a waiver of the notice requirements contained in the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. Saves the exemption from repeal under the OGSR Act, etc. **FL NOW IS MONITORING**

S290 by Fasano / H141 by Poppell

Florida Unborn Victims of Violence Act; Defines the 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 the killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother do not require specified knowledge or intent, etc. **FL NOW OPPOSES**

LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS

S102 by Rich / H003 by Brandenburg

Adoption; Repeals provision relating to the prohibition against adoption by a homosexual. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**

S798 by Gelber / H391 by Skidmore

Prohibited Discrimination; Revises provisions to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination. Revises provisions to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments. Specifies when an individual has an impairment for certain purposes, etc.

FL NOW SUPPORTS

S232 by Sobel / H477 by Steinberg

Domestic Partnerships; Sets forth fees and costs to be applied when petitioning for a dissolution of a domestic partnership or registering a domestic partnership, respectively. Provides applicability of domestic partnerships to state tax laws. Requires two individuals who wish to become partners in a domestic partnership to complete and file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership form with the clerk of the circuit court, etc. **FL NOW SUPPORTS**