

# Reproductive Health & Justice in Florida

## Update - February 9, 2023

### *The reproductive justice landscape in Florida*

- House Bill 5 (2022) - 15-week abortion ban
  - One lawsuit was brought by the ACLU, representing Planned Parenthood and other independent clinics. The Florida Supreme Court will hear this lawsuit in May at the earliest.
  - Two other lawsuits were filed on religious freedom grounds - no status update available.
- 2023 Legislative Session
  - No bill has been filed to date.
  - Bans have been floated ranging from six to twelve weeks.
  - Governor DeSantis has said he will sign a six-week ban should the legislature pass it.
  - The expectation is that a bill will be filed and it will move quickly to limit reproductive justice advocates' ability to mobilize
- Female Student-Athletes and FHSAA Board of Directors meeting
  - February 26-27 in Gainesville
  - The current health evaluation asks about menstrual history, but the questions are optional.
  - The proposed health evaluation form will require answers to the menstruation questions.
    - This impacts trans athletes and is concerning, given the abortion ban legislation.
  - How to voice opposition:
    - [Progress Florida action page](#)
    - Send an email or letter to [FHSAA](#) directly

### *What can you do?*

- Support GOTV efforts in 2024.
- Stay informed:
  - [Floridians for Reproductive Freedom \(FRF\) Facebook page](#)
  - [FRF Twitter page](#)
  - [FRF Instagram page](#)
  - [Sign up for FRF's newsletter](#)
  - [Sign up for Progress Florida's newsletter](#)
- Write, call, or visit your elected officials.
- Write letters to the editor of your local newspaper(s).
- Be ready to mobilize to Tallahassee during session (March 7th - May 5th).
- Donate to local abortion funds, Planned Parenthood, and independent abortion clinics.
- Consider volunteering as a patient escort.
- Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors.