

# THE WATCH LIST

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Today, we will highlight eight of the worst laws going into effect that we should be informing Floridians about as they start to see the impacts on their day-to-day lives. These include bills which were overwhelmingly unpopular in statewide polling conducted by the Hub, such as the Heat Protections for Workers Ban (21% support / 67% oppose), the Climate Crisis Denial Bill (36% support / 53% oppose), the Police Misconduct Citizen Oversight Ban (28% support / 58% oppose), the Child Labor Protections Rollback (33% support / 63% oppose), and the Living Wage Requirement Ban (31% support / 50% oppose). *The Hub's full-post session poll can be found [here](#).*

- **HB 601 - [Police Misconduct Citizen Oversight Ban](#)**: Prohibits locally established independent civilian oversight boards from investigating alleged police misconduct. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis. *See the statement on this bill's signing from Equal Ground Florida [here](#).*

- **HB 415 - [Anti-Abortion Taxpayer-Funded Propaganda](#)**: Requires the Florida Department of Health to establish a taxpayer-funded website for pregnant Floridians that will feature deceptive, religion centered, anti-abortion pregnancy centers, instead of information about resources that provide the full spectrum of reproductive health options. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis. *More information about this bill from Floridians For Reproductive Freedom can be found [here](#).*

- **HB 49 - [Child Labor Protections Rollback](#)**: Weakens state child labor laws by allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to work for more than six days in a row during the school year and exempts home and virtual-school students from state child labor laws entirely. Allows for overnight shifts on a school night or for more than 30 hours in a school week, putting some children's education and well-being at risk. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

- **HB 1645 - [Climate Crisis Denial Bill](#)**: Removes most references to combating climate change from Florida law, bans offshore wind energy, promotes fossil fuels, increases Floridians' electric bills by allowing utilities to charge for methane facility relocation. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

- **HB 433 - [Heat Protections for Workers Ban](#)**: Bans the ability of local governments to enact heat protections for outdoor workers including requirements to provide breaks in the shade to protect the health and welfare of employees. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

- **HB 1451 - [Community IDs Ban](#)**: Bans local governments from recognizing or accepting community IDs issued to undocumented and homeless people. Community IDs are used by many Florida residents to identify themselves to law enforcement, schools, banks, etc., and are necessary to participate in and contribute to civic life. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

- **HB 705 - [Living Wage Requirement Ban](#)**: Prevents cities and counties from requiring their construction contractors to pay a living wage or provide adequate benefits to their workers when working on publicly funded projects. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

- **HB 1291 - [Teacher Training Censorship](#)**: Expands state censorship of viewpoints on racism and sexism to educator preparation programs and courses. The bill expands harms created by previously passed legislation currently blocked by federal courts, while further restricting the ability of educators to lead 21st century classrooms with honest and accurate discussions of our past to create a better future. Signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

Once again this legislative session, Governor Ron DeSantis and Republican leadership in Florida prioritized powerful special interests over the working families and seniors they were elected to serve. As these new laws attacking our freedom to be healthy, prosperous, and safe come into effect, let's make sure Floridians know who is responsible and who has their backs on these important issues!

Source: Progress Florida ([www.progressflorida.org](http://www.progressflorida.org))