

# Florida's 2015 Legislative Session

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## CHAMPIONS OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM

The following members of the 2015 Florida legislature received an A+ score:

Senator Jeff Brandes (St. Petersburg) Senator Travis Hutson (Palm Coast)

Representative Janet Adkins (Fernandina Beach) Representative Larry Ahern (Seminole) Representative Ben Albritton (Bartow) Representative Dennis Baxley (Ocala) Representative Halsey Beshears (Monticello) Representative Jim Boyd (Bradenton) Representative Jason Brodeur (Sanford) Representative Doug Broxson (Milton) Representative Danny Burgess (Zephyrhills) Representative Matt Caldwell (Lehigh Acres) Representative Neil Combee (Auburndale) Representative Richard Corcoran (Lutz) Representative Bob Cortes (Maitland) Representative Steve Crisafulli (Merrit Island) Representative Travis Cummings (Orange Park) Representative Jose Felix Diaz (Miami) Representative Manny Diaz (Hialeah Gardens) Representative Eric Eisnaugle (Orlando) Representative Matt Gaetz (Shalimar) Representative James Grant (Tampa) Representative Bill Hager (Boca Raton) Representative Walter Bryan "Mike" Hill (Pensacola) Representative Matt Hudson (Naples)

Representative MaryLynn Magar (Hobe Sound) Representative Debbie Mayfield (Vero Beach) Representative Charles McBurney (Jacksonville) Representative Larry Metz (Groveland) Representative Jeannette Nuñez (Miami) Representative Marleen O'Toole (The Villages) Representative Jose Oliva (Hialeah) Representative Keith W. Perry (Gainesville) Representative Cary Pigman (Sebring) Representative Jake Raburn (Valrico) Representative Daniel Raulerson (Plant City) Representative Paul Renner (Palm Coast) Representative Kenneth Roberson (Port Charlotte) Representative Ray Wesley Rodrigues (Fort Meyers) Representative Jimmie Smith (Inverness) Representative Ross Spano (Riverview) Representative Chris Sprowls (Clearwater) Representative Gregory "Greg" W. Steube (Sarasota) Representative Cyndi Stevenson (St. Augustine) Representative Jennifer Sullivan (Eustis) Representative Jay Trumbull (Panama City) Representative John Wood (Winter Haven) Representative Dana Young (Tampa)





Representative Dist. Score Grade Representative Dis	ist.	Score	Grade
Adkins, Janet 11 108% A+ DuBose, Bobby 94	94	62%	D
Ahern, Larry 66 104% A+ Dudley, Dwight 68	88	50%	F
Albritton, Ben 56 100% A+ Eagle, Dane 77	77	90%	А
Antone, Bruce 46 60% D Edwards, Katie 98	98	77%	С
Artiles, Frank 118 88% B Eisnaugle, Eric 4-	14	100%	A+
Avila, Bryan 111 94% A Fant, Jay 15	5	89%	В
Baxley, Dennis 23 100% A+ Fitzenhagen, Heather 78	78	96%	А
Berman, Lori 90 58% F Fresen, Erik 11	14	93%	А
Beshears, Halsey 7 104% A+ Fullwood, Reggie 13	3	59%	F
Bileca, Michael 115 97% A Gaetz, Matt 4	1	103%	Α+
Boyd, Jim 71 100% A+ Geller, Joe 10	00	55%	F
Bracy, Randolph 45 50% F Gonzalez, Julio 74	<b>7</b> 4	96%	А
Brodeur, Jason 28 105% A+ Goodson, Tom 50	50	96%	А
Broxson, Doug 3 100% A+ Grant, James 6-	64	100%	Α+
Burgess, Danny 38 100% A+ Hager, Bill 89	39	100%	Α+
Burton, Colleen 40 97% A Harrell, Gayle 83	33	89%	В
Caldwell, Matt 79 100% A+ Harrison, Shawn 63	63	89%	В
Campbell, Daphne 108 67% D Hill, Walter Bryan "Mike" 2	2	100%	Α+
Clarke-Reed, Gwyndolen 92 59% F Hudson, Matt 80	30	104%	A+
Combee, Neil 39 108% A+ Hutson, Travis 24	24	120%	Α+
Corcoran, Richard 37 111% A+ Ingoglia, Blaise 35	35	96%	А
Cortes, John 43 47% F Ingram, Clay 1		89%	В
Cortes, Robert 30 105% A+ Jacobs, Kristin 90	96	39%	F
Costello, Fred 25 86% B Jenne, Evan 99	99	54%	F
Crisafulli, Steve 51 100% A+ Jones, Mia 14	4	69%	D
Cruz, Janet 62 48% F Jones, Shevrin D. "Shev" 10	01	81%	В
Cummings, W. Travis 18 113% A+ Kerner, Dave 83	37	67%	D
Diaz, Jose Felix 116 100% A+ La Rosa, Mike 4.	12	90%	А
Diaz Manny 107 1079/ A L Latriala Chris	67	96%	Α
Diaz, Manny 103 107% A+ Latvala, Chris 65			



Representative	Dist.	Score	Grade	Representative	Dist.	Score	Grade
Magar, MaryLynn	82	103%	A+	Renuart, Ronald "Doc"	17	79%	С
Mayfield, Debbie	54	100%	Α+	Richardson, David	113	58%	F
McBurney, Charles	16	100%	Α+	Roberson, Kenneth	75	100%	Α+
McGhee, Kionne	117	73%	С	Rodrigues, Ray Wesley	76	104%	Α+
Metz, Larry	32	100%	A+	Rodríguez, José Javier	112	63%	D
Miller, Mike	47	93%	А	Rogers,Hazelle "Hazel"	95	52%	F
Moraitis, George	93	89%	В	Rooney, Patrick	85	86%	В
Moskowitz, Jared Evan	97	65%	D	Rouson, Darryl	70	74%	С
Murphy, Amanda	36	58%	F	Santiago, David	27	96%	А
Narain, Ed	61	56%	F	Slosberg, Irving "Irv"	91	52%	F
Nuñez, Jeanette	119	100%	Α+	Smith, Jimmie	34	100%	Α+
O'Toole, Marlene	33	100%	Α+	Spano, Ross	59	100%	Α+
Oliva, Jose	110	100%	Α+	Sprowls, Chris	65	114%	Α+
Pafford, Mark	86	45%	F	Stafford, Cynthia	109	52%	F
Passidomo, Kathleen	106	95%	А	Stark, Richard	104	59%	F
Perry, W. Keith	21	104%	A+	Steube, W. Gregory "Greg"	73	100%	A+
Peters, Kathleen	69	88%	В	Stevenson, Cyndi	17	100%	A+
Pigman, Cary	55	121%	A+	Stone, Charlie	22	91%	А
Pilon, Ray	72	96%	А	Sullivan, Jennifer	31	100%	A+
Plakon, Scott	29	95%	А	Taylor, Dwayne	26	54%	F
Plasencia, Rene	49	93%	А	Tobia, John	53	86%	В
Porter, Elizabeth	10	96%	А	Torres, Victor Manuel "Vic"	48	50%	F
Powell, Bobby	88	50%	F	Trujillo, Carlos	105	95%	А
Pritchett, Sharon	102	55%	F	Trumbull, Jay	6	100%	A+
Raburn, Jake	57	100%	A+	Van Zant, Charles	19	77%	С
Rader, Kevin	81	54%	F	Watson, Barbara	107	42%	F
Raschein, Holly Merrill	120	96%	А	Watson, Clovis	20	58%	F
Raulerson, Daniel	58	100%	A+	Williams, Alan	8	54%	F
Ray, Lake	12	96%	А	Wood, John	41	115%	A+
Rehwinkel Vasilinda, Michelle	9	54%	F	Workman, Ritch	52	95%	А
Renner, Paul	24	100%	A+	Young, Dana	60	110%	A+



# **2015 Senate Grades**

Senator	Dist.	Score	Grade	Senator	Dist.	Score	Grade
Abruzzo, Joseph	25	77%	С	Hays, Alan	11	88%	В
Altman, Thad	16	70%	С	Hukill, Dorothy	8	94%	А
Bean, Aaron	4	80%	В	Hutson, Travis	6	100%	A+
Benacquisto, Lizbeth	30	81%	В	Joyner, Arthenia	19	66%	D
Bradley, Rob	7	84%	В	Latvala, Jack	20	62%	D
Brandes, Jeff	22	110%	A+	Lee, Tom	24	87%	В
Braynon, Oscar	36	84%	В	Legg, John	17	93%	А
Bullard, Dwight	39	45%	F	Margolis, Gwen	35	69%	D
Clemens, Jeff	27	50%	F	Montford, Bill	3	52%	F
Dean, Charles "Charlie"	5	83%	В	Negron, Joe	32	72%	С
Detert, Nancy	28	74%	С	Richter, Garrett	23	76%	С
Diaz de la Portilla, Miguel	40	79%	С	Ring, Jeremy	29	57%	F
Evers, Greg	2	93%	А	Sachs, Maria Lorts	34	78%	С
Flores, Anitere	37	80%	В	Simmons, David	10	81%	В
Gaetz, Don	1	79%	С	Simpson, Wilton	18	90%	А
Galvano, Bill	26	74%	С	Smith, Christopher	31	57%	F
Garcia, Rene	38	76%	С	Sobel, Eleanor	33	70%	С
Gardiner, Andy	13	83%	В	Soto, Darren	14	65%	D
Gibson, Audrey	9	81%	В	Stargel, Kelli	15	96%	А
Grimsley, Denise	21	93%	А	Thompson, Geraldine	12	53%	F

# Sponsorship Points Only

# (Non-Vote Bills)

### **Pro-Freedom Sponsorships**

HB 49 – Rep. Moskowitz

HB 75/ SB 232 – Rep. Combee/Sen. Hays

SB 190/ HB 1243 - Rep. Rouson/Sen. Bean

HB 245/ SB 1230 – Rep. Ahern/Sen. Hays

HB 499 – Rep. Wood

SB 692 - Sen. Brandes

HB 705/SB 1458 - Rep. Campbell/Sen. Braynon

HB 767/SB 1196 - Rep. Narain/Sen. Margolis

HB 789/SB 990 – Rep. Tobia/Sen. Brandes

SB 970 – Sen. Stargel

SB 1076 - Sen. Gibson

SB 1326 – Sen. Brandes

SB 1448 - Sen. Legg

SB 4A – Sen. Hukill

SB 6A - Sen. Hukill

SB 8A – Sen. Hukill

### **Anti-Freedom Sponsorships**

SB 166/HB 169 - Rep. Jenne/Sen. Soto

SB 196 – Sen. Bean

HB 253 – Rep. Rogers

SB 254 – Sen. Clemens

HB 317 - Rep. Costello

HB 319 - Rep. Costello/Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda

HB 351 – Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda

SB 392 - Sen. Clemens

SB 868 - Sen. Soto

SB 774 - Sen. Montford

SB 864/HB 905 – Rep. Cortes, J./Sen. Soto

HB 903/SB 1556 - Rep. Porter/Sen. Montford

HB 911/SB 1034 - Rep. Dudley/Sen. Clemens

SB 992/HB 1089 – Rep. Torres/Sen. Bullard

SB 1038 - Sen. Montford

HB 1227 – Rep. Rehwinkel Vasilinda

HB 4015 – Rep. Campbell

HB 47/SB 114 - Rep. Stafford/Sen. Bullard

SB 86/HB 945 - Rep. Costello/Sen. Bean

**HB 107 -** Decreasing Regulatory Barriers for Craft Breweries, Craft Distilleries, and Grocery Stores Selling Alcohol

Sponsor: Rep. Steube

This bill would have allowed for craft brewers to operate their onsite tasting rooms without having to meet the previous "tourism exemption" already in statute. It would have also made the 64 oz. refillable growler legal, alongside its 32 oz. and 128 oz. counterparts. It would have allowed craft distilleries to sell bottles of their own products directly from their distilleries without a two bottle per customer, per year restriction. Lastly, the bill would have ended the wall of separation for grocery stores selling liquor, allowing the liquor to be sold alongside other alcoholic products in grocery stores. This bill was defeated in its third committee.

**SB 110 -** Communication Services Tax Cut

Sponsor: Sen. Hukill

This bill would have cut the Communication Services Tax, which includes cell phone service, satellite, and cable television service- from 6.65% to 3.05%. This bill passed through its first two committees, but died at its final committee stop.

HB 113/SB 778 - Local Government Construction Restrictions When Using State Funds

Sponsors: Rep. Perry & Sen. Hays

This bill requires that when 50% or more of a local government construction project is paid for with state funds, the local government cannot place a preference on local contractors in choosing a contractor to complete the project. Local contractor preferences are proven

to increase construction costs. This bill passed both chambers and was signed into law by Governor Scott on May 21, 2015.

**SB 138 -** Cutting the Corporate Income Tax

Sponsor: Sen. Hukill

This bill would have raised the corporate income tax exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000, lowering corporate tax liability. This bill passed through its first two committee stops, but died in its final committee.

**SB 140 -** Commercial Lease Tax Cut

Sponsor: Sen. Hukill

This bill would have cut the commercial property lease tax from 6% to 5%. This bill passed through its first two committee stops, but died in its final committee.

HB 163/SB 224 - Clarifying Public Records Requests for Records Involving Private Contractors Sponsors: Rep. Beshears & Sen. Simpson

This bill would have provided clarification to public records requirements for government work including the use of private contractors. The bill would have required all new contracts to include full name and contact. information of the public agency responsible for keeping public records in relation to that contract. This bill also sought to limit frivolous and costly lawsuits by providing a method and timeframe for requesting public records, and only allowing civil damages if the record-keeping agency fails to comply within the established framework. The bill passed both chambers, but due to an amendment added in the House, which was not approved by the Senate prior to

the adjournment of the legislative session, the bill died.

**HB 301/SB 186 -** Decreasing Regulatory Barriers for Craft Breweries

**Sponsors:** Rep. Sprowls, Rep. Young & Sen. Latvala

This bill allows for craft brewers to operate their onsite tasting rooms without having to meet the previous "tourism exemption" already in statute. It also made the 64 oz. refillable growler legal alongside its 32 oz. and 128 oz. counterparts. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on May 14, 2015.

**HB 269/SB 1052 -** Florida Right to Try Act

**Sponsors:** Rep. Pilon & Sen. Brandes

This bill allows terminally ill patients the option to receive experimental treatments that have completed the first phase of clinical trials, but have not yet been approved by the FDA. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on June 10, 2015.

HB 279/SB 792 - Administering Vaccines in Pharmacies Sponsors: Rep. Pigman & Sen. Bean

This bill allows pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, under the supervision of a pharmacist, to administer certain vaccines, increasing access to vaccines. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on June 10, 2015.

HB 281/SB 614 - Expanding Scope of Practice for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants Sponsors: Rep. Pigman & Sen. Grimsley

This bill would have expanded prescription powers for advanced registered nurse practitioners

and physician assistants. This bill passed its committees in the House, but was never heard on the floor. The Senate version also passed its three committees of reference, but was never brought to a vote on the Senate floor.

HB 335/SB 476 - Baker Act Authority for Psychiatric Nurses Sponsors: Rep. Plasencia, Rep. Campbell & Sen. Grimsley

This bill expands authority for psychiatric nurses, allowing them to conduct evaluations to release patients from psychiatric holds in certain circumstances. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on June 10, 2015.

HB 341/SB 172 - Municipal Pension Reform

**Sponsors:** Rep. Cummings, Sen. Bradley, & Sen. Ring

This bill provides some limited reforms designed to give cities increased flexibility in distributing state funding for municipal pension plans. This increased flexibility is necessary to deal with widespread unfunded liability issues in many of the state's municipal pension plans. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on May 21, 2015.

**SB 468 -** Decreasing Grocery Store Separation Requirement for Liquor

Sponsor: Sen. Grimsley

This bill would have relaxed the restrictions on grocery stores, allowing a liquor section separated by an interior door, rather than requiring grocery stores to maintain a separate facility with a separate exterior entrance to sell liquor. This bill passed through its first two committees before being withdrawn.

HB 545/SB 478 - Allowing

Telehealth/Telemedicine Practice **Sponsors:** Rep. Cummings, Sen. Bean & Sen. Joyner

This bill would have allowed the use of telehealth/telemedicine as a means to diagnose patients and provide care to people who are unable to travel or reside in remote communities. The bill passed through its first committee in the House and two committees in the Senate before the bill died in both chambers.

**HB 477 -** Streamlining Background Checks for Teachers in Virtual Classrooms **Sponsor:** Rep. Sprowls

This bill would have allowed virtual education instruction providers to have one statewide background screening, instead of having the teacher register in every county in Florida where they have a student. This bill died because it was never heard in committee in the Senate.

**SB 532 -** Direct Primary Care **Sponsor:** Sen. Grimsley

This bill would have allowed direct primary care agreements with physicians to be exempt from insurance regulations, giving patients more options on how to pay for their primary care. This bill passed through all three of its assigned committees, but was never brought to a floor vote.

**HB 547 -** Path to Independent Practice for ARNPs and PAs **Sponsor:** Rep. Pigman

This bill would have given
Advanced Registered Nurse
Practitioners and Physician
Assistants expanded prescription
authority, and would have allowed
them to treat patients without
being under the supervision of
a physician. If successful, these
changes to existing regulations

would have allowed ARNPs and PAs to open independent practices, increasing the supply of primary care providers. This bill passed both of its committees of reference, but was never put to a vote on the House floor. There was no Senate companion bill.

HB 549/SB 1114 - Association Accountability Regarding the Use of Taxpayer Funds in State Lawsuits

**Sponsors:** Rep. Diaz (M) & Sen. Stargel

This bill would have placed some limits on certain associations that receive state funds. It would have prohibited the use of taxpayer funds to pay for lawsuits against the state (i.e., preventing instances of "tax dollars suing tax dollars"). This bill was passed by the House, but died when it was never brought to a vote on the Senate floor.

**HB 615/SB 574 -** Electronic Auction Service Use by School Districts

**Sponsors:** Rep. Hutson & Sen. Montford

This bill would have given school boards the authority to use electronic auction services to assist in selling assets owned by the district in order to use the funds for current public school needs. This bill passed in the Senate, but only made it past its first committee in the House. The Senate version was never brought to a vote on the House floor.

**HB 817 -** Ridesharing Services **Sponsor:** Rep. Gaetz

This bill would have regulated mobile telephone application-based ridesharing services, and preempted local governments in Florida from banning these services. This bill passed both of its committees of reference, but

was temporarily postponed prior to a vote on the House floor. It died when the House adjourned from the regular legislative session. The Senate companion bill was never heard in committee.

HB 849 - Requiring Legislative Approval of Implementation Plan for EPA Clean Air Act Sponsor: Rep. Wood

This bill would have required legislative ratification before any implementation of the **Environmental Protection** Agency's proposed rules regarding carbon dioxide emission from preexisting fossil fuel-fired electric generating units could take place. This bill would have provided a safeguard in ensuring a reasonable implementation of rules projected to greatly increase energy costs in Florida. This bill passed its first committee, but died in its second committee of reference. The Senate companion bill was never heard in committee.

**HB 951/SB 1208 -** Expanding Scope of Practice for Dieticians and Nutritionists

Sponsors: Rep. Magar & Sen. Bean

This bill expands the ability of accredited dieticians and nutritionists to prescribe therapeutic diets, providing additional holistic treatment options to Floridians. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on June 10, 2015.

**HB 1145 -** Student Choice **Sponsor:** Rep. Sprowls

This bill would have allowed parents to enroll their children in any public school within their school district, as long as they provide transportation and there is space available at their preferred school. This bill would have set thresholds

for determining capacity when considering enrollment availability for parents engaging in school choice. If a charter school has not reached capacity, it may open its doors to any student within the state. This bill would have also required the State Board of Education to set rules for insurance of adjunct certificates. This bill died due to a lack of a Senate Bill.

HB 949/SB 1228 - Memorial Addressing EPA Clean Air Act Mandate

**Sponsors:** Rep. Rodrigues (R) & Sen. Evers

This memorial would have urged Congress to direct the **Environmental Protection Agency** to revise its proposed regulations addressing carbon dioxide emission from existing fossil fuelfired electric generating units. The EPA's proposed rules will result in greatly increased energy costs in Florida, if not altered. This memorial passed all three of its committees of reference in the House, but was never brought to a vote on the House floor. The Senate version passed its first committee, but died in its second committee of reference.

**SB 1264 -** Digital Classrooms **Sponsor:** Sen. Legg

This bill would have required the Agency for State Technology to establish and publish information technology standards for our schools with the purposes of implementing statewide digital classrooms. It also would have required a statewide study to be done by a private contractor to help establish statewide technology standards in classrooms. This bill died due to the lack of a House bill companion.

**HB 1279 -** Municipal Pension Board Reform **Sponsor:** Rep. Adkins

This bill would have made reforms to the composition and operation of municipal pension boards, including a requirement for operating budgets, alterations to the number of board members selected by the municipality and firefighter and police associations, and term limits for board members. These reforms were designed to increase transparency and give municipalities more authority over pension plans funded by local tax dollars. This bill passed all three of its committees of reference, but was never brought to a vote on the House floor. There was no Senate companion for this bill, however, a few aspects of this bill were incorporated into SB 172 prior to its passage.

**SB 1552 -** School Choice Package Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Benacquisto

This bill would have allowed students to seek private educational choice options through an expanded Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program. This bill would have required school boards to allow parents to choose where to enroll their children, within the school district, as long as they provide transportation. It would have allowed high performing charter schools to replicate multiple times in targeted attendance zones of a school in need of intervention. This bill also would have created the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation at Florida State University. This bill died due to the lack of a companion bill.

HB 7037 - Charter School Institute

**Sponsors:** House Choice and Innovation Committee/ Rep. Bob Cortes

This bill would have created the Florida Charter School Innovation Institute at Florida State University. This bill would have required school districts to share their local millage rates with charter schools for capital improvements. This bill also would have removed the requirement for students to attend one year of public school, before being able to transfer to a virtual education program. This bill died due to the lack of a companion bill in the Senate.

HB 7141 - Tax Cut Package Sponsor: Rep. Gaetz

This tax cut package was worth approximately \$690 million, and included a 3.6% cut to the Communication Services Tax and a 0.2% cut to the Commercial Lease Tax. This bill was passed in the House, but was never brought to a vote on the Senate floor.

**HB 23A -** Increasing Abilities of Ambulatory Surgical Centers **Sponsor:** Rep. Fitzenhagen

This bill would have expanded the timeframe that individuals could stay at a recovery center or ambulatory surgical center, giving these facilities increased flexibility in treating patients. This bill passed in the House but was never brought to a vote in the Senate.

**HB 25A -** Direct Primary Care **Sponsor:** Rep. Costello

This bill would have allowed direct primary care agreements with physicians to be exempt from insurance regulations, giving patients more options on how to pay for their primary care. This bill passed in the House but was never brought to a vote in the Senate.

HB 27A - Expanding Prescription Powers for ARNPs & PAs Sponsor: Rep. Pigman

This bill would have granted Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants increased prescription powers in Florida. This would have increased the ability of ARNPs and PAs to treat a greater variety of conditions without the added expense and difficulty of having a physician provide prescriptions. This bill passed in the House but was never brought to a vote in the Senate.

**HB 31A -** Repealing Certificate of Need Program for Hospitals **Sponsor:** Rep. Brodeur

This bill would have eliminated the requirement of a Certificate of Need for any new hospital construction or hospital expansion, thereby ending limits to the number of hospitals or hospital beds allowed in any given service area. This bill passed in the House but was never brought to a vote in the Senate.

### HB 33A - Tax Cut Package Committee Bill

This tax cut package, though significantly smaller than the one passed by the House during the regular legislative session, includes a permanent reduction in the Communication Services Tax by 1.73%. The total fiscal impact of this tax cut is \$427.8 million. Governor Scott signed this bill into law on June 16, 2015.

# Anti-Freedom Issues

**SB 172 (Committee Votes)** – Municipal Pension Reform **Sponsors:** Sen. Bradley & Sen. Ring

This bill, in its original form as it passed through its committees of reference, contained little substantial reform to existing municipal pension regulations in order to address the ongoing unfunded liability issues in many municipal pension plans across the state. Once it reached the Senate floor, it was amended to include many of the reforms contained in HB 341. All votes taken after that change were counted as positive votes, rather than negative.

**HB 237 -** Television Revolving Loan Fund Sponsor: **Rep. Latvala** 

This bill would have created a loan fund for producers of television programs, with the state taking on the greater share of the financial risks associated with the loans, and guaranteeing loans with the use of taxpayer funds along with funds provided by private lenders. This bill passed through all three of its committees of reference, but was never brought to a vote on the House floor.

**HB 451 -** Renewal of Film Incentive Program Sponsor: **Rep. Miller** 

This bill would have renewed the film industry subsidy program set to expire next year with alterations to the incentive award process. This bill passed all three of its committees of reference, but was never brought to a vote on the House floor.

**SB 508 -** Small Business Requirement for State Contracting Sponsor: **Sen. Bullard** 

This bill would have required certain state agencies to award a 10

percentage of contracts to small businesses, rather than basing contracting decisions solely on price and services offered. This bill passed its first committee, but died in its second committee of reference.

**SB 1046 -** Renewal of Film Incentive Program Sponsor: **Sen. Detert** 

This bill would have renewed the film industry subsidy program set to expire next year and would have expanded the subsidies offered by including a quick action closing fund for high profile film and television projects that could be disbursed with less oversight than the original tax credit program, which would have also been renewed with this bill. This bill passed through its first two committees, but was never heard in its final committee of reference.

### SB 1214 (As Amended) -

Economic Development Package with Amendment Including Film and Sports Subsidies
Sponsor: **Sen. Latvala** 

Votes on this bill in its original form were not counted in the scorecard, as the bill contained measures that limited economic development incentives, yet also established an additional incentive program, and was therefore not categorized as a bill to support or oppose. However, in its third committee of reference, the bill sponsor filed an amendment that would have funded professional sports stadium subsidies, and renewed film industry subsidies set to expire next year. The amendment was adopted via a voice vote, and could not be counted in the scorecard. However, all votes for the bill after the adoption of the amendment were counted against Senators. while votes against the bill were awarded a point. This bill passed

all three of its committees, but was never brought to a vote on the Senate floor.

**SB 2512 -** Medicaid Conforming Bill Including Plan for Medicaid Expansion

### **Committee Bill**

This bill was a necessary procedural bill, outlining conforming language for the state's Medicaid program. However, the Senate version of the conforming bill added its Medicaid expansion plan as written in SB 7044. Votes for the bill were counted against Senators, while votes against were counted as positive points. In the House, an amendment was put forward to strip the expansion language from the conforming bill. Votes for this amendment were counted as positive votes, while votes against the amendment were counted against Representatives.

SB 7042 - Altering Eligibility Requirements for Florida Retirement System Committee Bill

This bill would have allowed for certain employees in certain situations to be able to "double-dip" into the Florida Retirement System, which is currently underfunded. This bill passed its first committee of reference, but died in its second committee.

**SB 2A -** Medicaid Expansion Sponsor: **Sen. Bean** 

This bill was similar to the Medicaid expansion passed by the Senate during the regular legislative session. It eliminated the first phase of integration for the expansion, but still called for the use of federal Medicaid expansion funds. This bill was passed by the Senate and was voted on and rejected by the House.

### AFP-FL's Economic Freedom Scorecard

The Economic Freedom Scorecard includes more than 4,000 individual votes on 43 legislative issues. Each of Americans for Prosperity-Florida's (AFP-FL) legislative priorities is included on this scorecard, as well as any additional issues we communicated support for or opposition to during the 2015 regular session and special session. In addition to the 43 issues represented in the vote counts, there were over 30 legislative issues supported or opposed by AFP-FL that were never brought to a vote. These issues are also represented in the scorecard.

### Grading

One point is awarded for each vote cast in support of a pro-economic freedom issue or against an antieconomic freedom issue. Each vote carries the same weight, regardless of the issue or whether the vote occurred in committee or on the floor. If a legislator voted on an issue twice and voted in favor of our position both times he or she received a score of 2/2. If he or she voted against our position both times he or she received a 0/2. We also award one point for prime sponsorship of a priority bill we supported, and deduct a point for sponsorship of a bill we opposed. In the House of Representatives, supported bill sponsorships are awarded two additional points. The additional point is a recognition of the fact that House members may only sponsor six substantial pieces of legislation each year, while their Senate counterparts have unlimited bill sponsorship. As a result, Senators sponsor substantially more legislation than Representatives. Since Representatives have fewer opportunities to sponsor bills supportive of AFP-FL issues, they are awarded an extra sponsorship point when they do.

### Five for Florida

In 2012, AFP-FL released the *Five for Florida* plan. *Five for Florida* outlines five policies elected officials can address now to encourage free market principles and government accountability, in order to make Florida number one for families, businesses and entrepreneurs. The *Five for Florida* plan is used to

develop our legislative priorities. Each member of the Florida legislature received information on our legislative priorities as well as the *Five for Florida* plan. Read more about the plan at www.FIVEforFLORIDA.com.

### **Economic Freedom**

Five for Florida is based on the principle of economic freedom and outlines policies that make a state more economically free. At its simplest, economic freedom is the freedom to choose how to produce, sell and use your own resources, while respecting others' rights to do the same. A more economically free government has low taxes, a limited scope and size of government and government spending, limited government regulations, protects individual rights and prefers free markets over cronyism.

States with more economic freedom have higher economic growth, less debt per GDP and lower unemployment rates than less economically free states. However economic freedom is not only about the economy; it affects every aspect of our lives. Economic freedom leads to higher incomes, lower poverty, longer life expectancies, cleaner environments, improved equality and more happiness -- it leads to greater opportunity and an improved quality of life.

### **Grading Scale**

A+ - 100% or Above

A - 90%-99%

B - 80%-89%

C - 70%-79%

D - 60%-69%

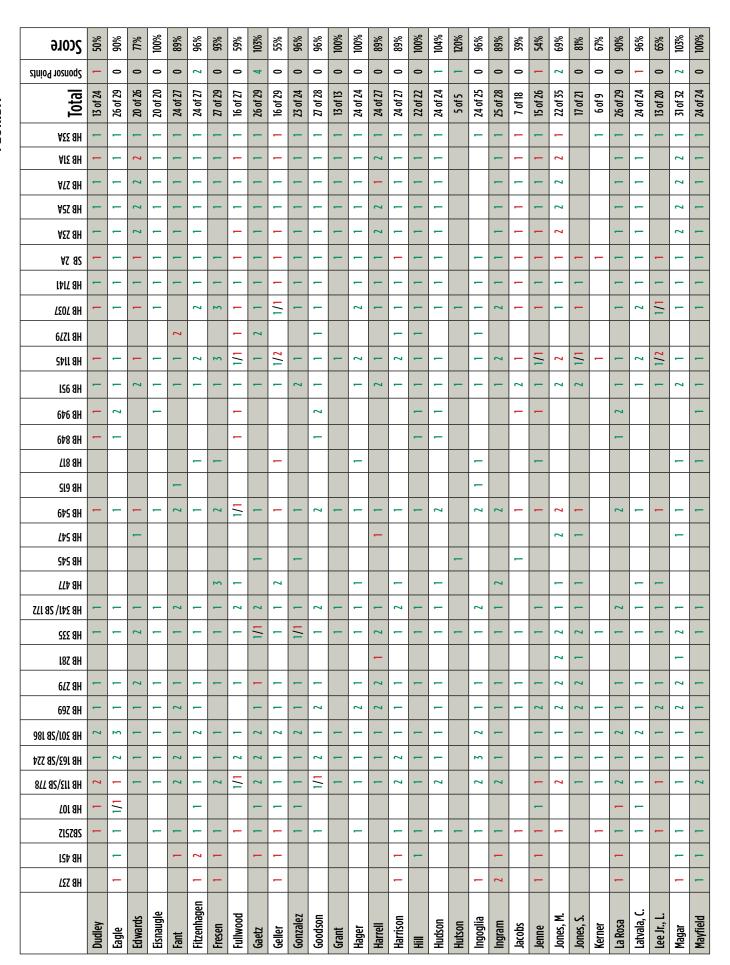
F - 59% or Below





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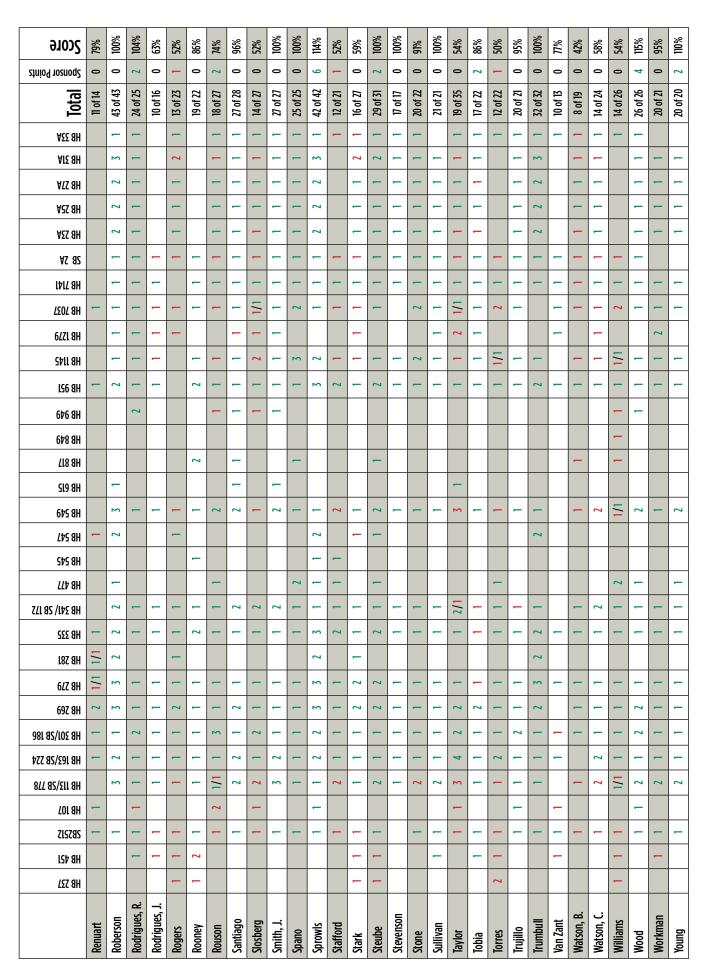






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### **About AFP-FL**

Americans for Prosperity is a grassroots movement of over 2.5 million activists in all 50 states who advocate for a more accountable and limited government, lower taxes, and more freedom. We have more than 150, 000 activists across the state of Florida taking action every day on behalf of economic freedom and influencing decision makers.

AFP-FL activists took thousands of actions during the 2015 legislative session including calling, emailing and visiting their elected officials in Tallahassee, visiting their district offices and lobbying at the Capitol. AFP-FL activists are making a difference in the fight against big government on the local, state, and national level.

Visit us online at www.AFPFlorida.com to join with more than 164,000 Floridians and 2.5 million activists nationwide on the front lines in the fight against big government. As an AFP-FL activist, you will receive action alerts that allow you to contact your elected officials, updates on how you can promote limited government, and the tools necessary to make your voice heard.

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