



# The Florida House of Representatives

**Paul Renner**  
**Speaker**

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## Historic Pro-Life Legislation Passes Florida House

*Legislation protects life and provides healthcare to mothers*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (April 13, 2023) — Today, the Florida House of Representatives passed historic legislation to protect life and provide pregnancy and parenting support for new mothers. Senate Bill 300 (House Bill 7) prohibits abortions after six weeks gestational age as determined by a physician, retaining the exceptions for the life of the mother and fatal fetal abnormalities in existing law and adding new exceptions for women who are the victims of rape, incest, or human trafficking. It provides additional funding to the Florida Pregnancy Support Services Program (FPSSP), to offer counseling, mentoring, educational materials and classes on pregnancy, parenting, adoption, life skills, and employment readiness. The Florida House is also passing sales tax exemptions for baby diapers, formula, strollers, and other supplies to lower the cost of raising a child. Additionally, the proposed House budget dramatically increases reimbursement rates for pediatric care, ensuring that more doctors will treat children on Medicaid. Today, the House also passed an expansion of KidCare to empower families with the tools they need to help their children grow up healthy and thrive.

House Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast), celebrated the occasion by saying, “Today, the Florida House stood up for the lives of unborn boys and girls who deserve the chance to live life, find love, and enrich the lives of others. I want to thank our bill sponsors, Representatives Jenna Persons-Mulicka and Jennifer Canady, for their work to pass this historic legislation as we continue to pursue steps to support Florida’s children and families.”

“These are the broadest protections of life in the history of the state, and I’m proud of our members for affirming life, for affirming mothers, and for protecting Florida’s future,” said Health and Human Services Committee Vice-Chair, Jenna Persons-Mulicka (R-Fort Myers).

“This bill will provide much-needed services and supplies to support women and families who make the choice to carry a child leading to parenting or adoption,” said Representative Jennifer Canady, member of the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (R-Lakeland). “We want to provide women in Florida the resources they need to make a real choice.”

**SB 300 / Pregnancy and Parenting Support legislation will save lives and help Florida mothers:**

- The following provisions of the bill are subject to a triggering effect that changes Florida’s jurisprudence on the privacy clause in the State Constitution:
  - The bill limits abortions after six weeks’ gestational age, instead of the current 15-week limit.
  - It maintains the current exceptions for maternal life and health, and for cases of fatal fetal anomalies.
  - It provides exceptions in cases of rape, incest, and human trafficking, up to 15 weeks.
  - The bill requires abortion-inducing drugs to be dispensed in-person by a physician, and expressly prohibits the use of telehealth for abortions, including medication abortions.
  - The bill prohibits the use of state funds to pay for travel out-of-state to obtain an abortion.
- The following provisions take effect immediately upon the Governor’s signature:
  - The bill appropriates \$25 million toward the Florida Pregnancy Support Services Program (FPSSP) for pregnancy support services and wellness services.
  - It expands the services offered by the FPSSP to add parenting services, non-medical material assistance, counseling, mentoring, educational materials, and classes on pregnancy, parenting, adoption, life skills, and employment readiness.
  - It expands eligibility for state-funded FPSSP services to include families who have adopted children under age three.
  - The bill appropriates \$5 million for the Family Planning Program at the Department of Health.

For more information on Senate Bill 300 (House Bill 7), visit [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov).

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