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Representative, HD-036 (R)

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2025 FL Legislative Scorecard

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. **HB759 Reducing the Minimum Age to Purchase Firearms** (passed 78 to 34 on 3/26/2025). Would reduce the minimum-age requirement to buy, sell, or transfer a firearm from 21 to 18.

YES



2. **HB677 State-employee "Fertility Preservation" Coverage** (passed 115 to 0 on 4/16/2025). Provides State Group Insurance Program coverage for "standard fertility preservation services."

YES

Estimated cost per household: **-\$0.09/year.**



3. **HB999 Constitutional Money** (passed 113 to 0 on 4/30/2025). Establishes "gold and silver coin as legal tender."

YES



4. **SB56 Prohibiting UN-backed Climate Intervention** (passed 82 to 28 on 4/30/2025). Prohibits geoengineering and weather-modification activities in Florida.

YES



5. **HB1205 Restricting Initiative Petitions** (passed 81 to 30 on 5/1/2025). Prevents non-U.S. citizens and non-Florida residents from registering as petition circulators, directs supervisors of elections to notify voters whose signatures are verified, and forbids the use of public funds to advocate for or against any issue.

YES



6. **SB2514 Dental Student Loan Repayment Program** (passed 105 to 0 on 6/16/2025). Allows certain dental and dental-hygiene students to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program before obtaining active employment.

YES



Scorecard Votes: 67%



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\$290,647

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of May 28, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. Reducing the Minimum Age to Purchase Firearms

HB759 would reduce the minimum-age requirement to buy, sell, or transfer a firearm from 21 to 18.

This bill would repeal the state's unconstitutional minimum-age requirement that denies to adult citizens younger than 21 years of age—who are both eligible to vote and enlist in the military—their right to purchase a firearm. Florida's law is not only more intrusive than current federal law, but contradicts the Militia Act of 1792, which called for each able-bodied male citizen of "the age of 18 years" to "provide himself" with a "rifle." America's ability to "provide for the common defense" extends from the natural, individual right to self-defense, which is why the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment expressly declares that a "well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

2. State-employee "Fertility Preservation Services"

HB677 provides State Group Insurance Program coverage for "standard fertility preservation services."

"Standard fertility preservation services" involve "oocyte and sperm retrieval and preservation procedures and storage," including "cryopreservation." They are simply the first steps of the exact same process used during the life-destroying practices of in vitro fertilization (IVF), through which the vast majority of embryos conceived outside the womb are aborted or indefinitely frozen, resulting in the killing or cryo-incarceration of millions of preborn children. The care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government. Florida ought to abolish abortion and cryo-orphaning entirely. The "unalienable" God-given right to life is protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

3. Constitutional Money

HB999 establishes "gold and silver coin as legal tender."

This bill brings Florida closer to restoring sound money and adhering to the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions. Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution says that "No State shall ... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." States can and should act now to secure Americans' financial freedom and privacy by both ending the Federal Reserve's unconstitutional monopoly on money and thwarting government plans to impose a Central Bank Digital Currency.

4. Prohibiting UN-backed Climate Intervention

SB56 prohibits geoengineering and weather-modification activities in Florida.

No person or entity should be permitted to engage in unauthorized geoengineering. It entails the deliberate, large-scale manipulation of the Earth's atmosphere by affecting "the temperature, weather, climate, or intensity of sunlight." The United Nations now openly admits that such unpredictable and risky methods should be used to combat "climate change." The globalist elites will stop at almost nothing to implement the UN's 2030 Agenda, which seeks to codify extreme "environmental justice" measures into domestic and international law. Floridians must reject the hoax of "climate change." The UN poses one of the greatest threats to America's freedom and independence. It's time for "We the People" to *Get US Out!* of the UN.

5. Restricting Initiative Petitions

HB1205 restricts Florida's initiative petitions process.

The initiative power in Article XI of the Florida Constitution needs to be repealed. "Citizens' initiatives" are illegitimate populist loopholes that relegate the solemn lawmaking duties of the Legislature to the will of the masses, replacing the checks and balances of representative government with chaos and instability. They are an insufficient safeguard for protecting the rights and liberties of Floridians—in every part of the state—from the "dangers of democracy" or "tyranny of the majority." Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution guarantees to Florida "a Republican Form of Government," which means government limited to the "rule of law," as opposed to the unbridled whims of "majority rule."

6. Dental Student Loan Repayment Program

SB2514 allows certain dental and dental-hygiene students to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program.

Neither healthcare nor education is the role of government. The Dental Student Loan Repayment Program is part of the unconstitutional Florida Medicaid Program. Medicaid is a jointly financed federal-state "entitlement" scheme that is not authorized according to Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. It relies on discriminatory forms of taxation that provide "medical assistance benefits" to "eligible persons," who have little or no tax liability, at the expense of others. Likewise, student loan repayment for professional, graduate-level education is the responsibility of the students (or borrowers) themselves, not anyone else.