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## LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD BASED ON THE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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## Don Gaetz

Florida  
Senator, SD-001 (R)

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## 2025 FL Legislative Scorecard

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
★			YES
1. <b>SB4 Punishing Illegal Aliens</b> (passed 25 to 11 on 2/13/2025). Creates criminal penalties for illegal aliens in Florida who entered the United States by "eluding or avoiding examination or inspection by immigration officers."			★
★			YES
2. <b>SB700 Ban on Fluoride in Public Water</b> (passed 27 to 9 on 4/16/2025). Bans the use of any additive to a public water supply that is not for the explicit purpose of improving water quality.			★
	✗		YES
3. <b>HB677 State-employee "Fertility Preservation" Coverage</b> (passed 32 to 4 on 4/24/2025). Provides State Group Insurance Program coverage for "standard fertility preservation services." <b>Estimated cost per household: -\$0.09/year.</b>			✗
★			YES
4. <b>SB1804 Death Penalty for Child-sex Traffickers</b> (passed 27 to 11 on 4/28/2025). Makes it a capital felony to subject a child younger than 12 years of age to human trafficking for sexual exploitation.			★
★			YES
5. <b>HB1205 Restricting Initiative Petitions</b> (passed 28 to 9 on 5/2/2025). 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. <b>SB2514 Dental Student Loan Repayment Program</b> (passed 34 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.			✗

Scorecard Votes: 67%

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. Punishing Illegal Aliens

SB4 creates criminal penalties for illegal aliens in Florida who entered the United States by “eluding or avoiding examination or inspection by immigration officers.”

Illegal entry into the United States is a crime. Illegal aliens, with exception to those convicted of a capital or otherwise infamous crime, must be arrested and deported from the United States. Mass migration, which is no less an “Invasion,” as per the U.S. Constitution, has become the most immediate and serious threat to our country. It’s an anti-American policy designed to destroy national unity, allegiance, and sovereignty, through a blatant undermining of the rule of law and an erosion of the value of citizenship. To save our Republic, “We the People” need to demand secure borders, the deportation of every illegal, and a moratorium on all immigration until the crisis ends.

## 2. Ban on Fluoride in Public Water

SB700 bans the use of any additive to a public water supply that is not for the explicit purpose of improving water quality.

The fluoridization of public water, regardless of its alleged health benefits or effects, amounts to a taxpayer-funded, forced-medication program. Every individual has a fundamental right to medical freedom, as no person or entity has any legitimate authority to rule over another’s non-injurious healthcare decisions, particularly what they may eat, drink, or consume. Arbitrarily compelling citizens to pay for the addition of fluoride—an industrial chemical that critics claim is a dangerous developmental neurotoxicant (e.g., lead or mercury)—to public drinking water, all under the guise of “preventative” dental treatment, violates the natural rights retained by the people according to the U.S. Constitution’s Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment.

## 3. State-employee "Fertility Preservation Services"

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

"Standard fertility preservation services" involve “ocyte 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.

## 4. Death Penalty for Child-sex Traffickers

SB1804 makes it a capital felony to subject a child younger than 12 years of age to human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Child-sex trafficking is a serious crime that demands the death penalty. Importantly, the U.S. Constitution’s Fifth Amendment addresses “capital” crimes. Criminal codes before and during the time of the American Founding, such as the 1641 Laws of New England, confirm that kidnapping, like rape, is a deep violation of personhood, and therefore an assault on both God’s image and man’s calling. The “due process” and “equal protection” requirements in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment justly follow the Common Law retributive principle that “the punishment should fit the crime.”

## 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.