



TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE PRO-LIFE SCORECARD

FOR THE 88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2023)

LULU FLORES
TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 51
(D-AUSTIN)

✓ Voted Pro-Life ✗ Voted Anti-Life

*Total Pro-Life
Score:*
26%

■ Anti-Life
■ Pro-Life



Key: EA = Excused Absence; UA = Unexcused Absence; PNV = Present, Not Voting; and Chair = Presiding at the Chair during the vote

The Regular Session of the 88th Legislature marked the first opportunity for Texas lawmakers to pass Pro-Life bills after the historic overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. However, the Texas Legislature neglected preborn children, yet improved protections for vulnerable patients.

No bills passed to stop illegal abortions or fully enforce our Pro-Life laws. The Legislature underfunded pregnancy centers and adoption agencies but provided new help for pregnant and parenting college students. This session's most notable victory was a reform to protect patients facing the anti-Life 10-Day Rule in the Texas Advance Directives Act. While there is still more work to do on this critical Pro-Life issue, this legislation is the most significant improvement in over two decades for patients' rights and medical freedom in Texas.

On April 6, 2023, Representative Flores made anti-Life comments on the House floor against funding Pro-Life resources through the newly-named Thriving Texas Families Program (previously the Alternatives to Abortion program). Despite several requests from Texas Right to Life, Representative Flores failed to coauthor seven of the Pro-Life Priority Bills that did not receive a vote on the chamber's floor. Coauthorship of a bill is important because it can help legislation move through the process and indicates the elected official's support when that bill doesn't receive a formal vote.

House Bill 1 by Representative Greg Bonnen, M.D. (R-Friendswood):

The State's budget for Fiscal Years 2024-2025.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
|---|---|---------------|------------------|
| <i>House Bill 1 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| X Amendment 28 by Rep. Vasut | Increases the Alternatives to Abortion program budget by \$80 million over the 2024-2025 biennium. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 6 |

Senate Bill 30 by Senator Joan Huffman (R-Houston):

The State's supplemental budget for Fiscal Years 2022-2023.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| <i>Senate Bill 30 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| X Amendment 3 by Rep. Leach | Increases the Alternatives to Abortion program budget by \$25 million over the remainder of the 2022-2023 biennium to meet the shortfall due to increased demand resulting from the Texas Heartbeat Act and the reversal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> . (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 6 |

Senate Bill 412 by Senator Angela Paxton (R-McKinney):

Codify federal protections for pregnant and parenting college students into Texas law.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
|--|---|---------------|------------------|
| <i>Senate Bill 412 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 412. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 6 | 6 |

Senate Bill 459 by Senator Angela Paxton (R–McKinney):

Require higher education institutions that offer priority registration to provide this accommodation to pregnant and parenting college students.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| <i>Senate Bill 459 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 459. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 6 | 6 |

House Bill 3162 by Representative Stephanie Klick (R–Fort Worth):

Reforms the Texas Advance Directives Act and the anti-Life 10-Day Rule to restore rights and protections for hospital patients at risk of having their life-sustaining treatment removed.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| <i>House Bill 3162 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | Vote for final passage of House Bill 3162. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 6 | 6 |

House Bill 12 by Representative Toni Rose (D–Dallas):

Extends medical coverage for mothers from two months to one year after birth.

| | | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| <i>House Bill 12 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i> | | | |
| Motion | Description of Motion | | |
| ✗ Second Reading Vote | Vote to pass House Bill 12 to the next step in passage without Pro-Life amendment language. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 2 |
| ✗ Third Reading Vote | Vote for final passage of pass House Bill 12 without Pro-Life amendment language. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 2 |

Additional Points

Points Earned | Potential Points

| Motion | Description of Motion | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| X Coauthored Pro-Life Priority Bills | Members were asked numerous times to show their public support for Pro-Life Priority Bills that did not ultimately receive a House floor vote by coauthoring the bill at any time during the session. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 7 |
| X Committee Vote | Vote in the House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence for House Bill 200. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 6 |
| Committee Vote | Vote in the House Committee on Human Services for House Bill 4138. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | N/A | 6 |
| Pro-Life legislation and amendments | Additional points for authoring one or more Pro-Life Priority Bills or amendments. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 6 |
| Anti-Life legislation and amendments | Penalties for authoring one or more anti-Life bills or amendments. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | -6 |
| Pro-Life speech | Additional points for Pro-Life speeches on the House floor or for Pro-Life statements in the House journal. (Supported by Texas Right to Life) | 0 | 6 |
| X Anti-Life speech | Penalties for anti-Life speeches on the House floor or for anti-Life statements in the House journal. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life) | -6 | -6 |

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| Total Points Earned | 12 |
| Potential Points | 47 |
| Total Score | 26% |