



TEXAS RIGHT TO LIFE PRO-LIFE SCORECARD

FOR THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2025)

PAUL BETTENCOURT
TEXAS SENATE DISTRICT 7
(R-HOUSTON)

✓ Voted Pro-Life ✗ Voted Anti-Life

*Total Pro-Life
Score:*

100%

■ Anti-Life
■ Pro-Life



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

From the outset of the Regular Session of the 89th Texas Legislature, Texas Right to Life identified two key legislative priorities necessary to combat ongoing threats to Life in the post-Roe era. The first priority, the Woman and Child Protection Act (Senate Bill 2880 and House Bill 5510), addressed the growing problem of abortion pills being shipped into Texas. The second priority, the Stop Tax-Funded Abortion Travel Act (Senate Bill 33 and House Bill 1806), prohibited Texas cities from paying for out-of-state abortion travel. The Legislature successfully passed the Stop Tax-Funded Abortion Travel Act during the Regular Session. Unfortunately, the Woman and Child Protection Act, intended to combat the distribution of abortion pills, died in the House of Representatives, putting more than 19,000 preborn lives at risk each year.

Texas Right to Life formed and led a broad coalition to send a letter to Governor Greg Abbott, urging him to add this issue to the special session agenda. Because of the leadership of the Texas Senate and Governor Abbott, the Woman and Child Protection Act ultimately passed both chambers during the Second Special Session.

In addition, the Legislature passed several meaningful measures championed by Texas Right to Life that further strengthen our culture of Life. These victories include ensuring that families of preborn children diagnosed with life-threatening conditions receive life-affirming information and referrals, promoting education about adoption, and reaffirming protections for pregnant mothers facing medical emergencies. The Legislature also appropriated a record \$200 million to support qualifying pregnancy centers and adoption agencies, while clarifying that these funds must go exclusively to Pro-Life providers.

REGULAR SESSION

Senate Bill 1388 by Senator Lois Kolkhorst (R-Brenham):

Ensures that Thriving Texas Families Program funding only goes to Pro-Life providers.

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Senate Bill 1388 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1388 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 1388 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1388 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1388. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

Senate Bill 1207 by Senator Phil King (R-Weatherford):

Adds education on adoption to the public school curriculum.

Senate Bill 1207 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1207 on Third Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1207. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1207. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

Senate Bill 1233 by Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills):

Guarantees that perinatal palliative care referrals and information are given to families after their preborn child is diagnosed with a life-threatening condition.

Senate Bill 1233 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1233 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 1233 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 1233 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 1233. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

Senate Bill 33 by Senator Donna Campbell, M.D. (R–New Braunfels):

Prohibits cities from paying for abortion travel using taxpayer dollars.

<i>Senate Bill 33 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i>		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 33 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 33 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 33 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6

Senate Bill 2880 by Senator Bryan Hughes (R–Mineola):

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Authorizes citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills into Texas, including through wrongful death lawsuits, and empowers the attorney general to take action against abortion pill traffickers and their accomplices.

Senate Bill 2880 passed the Senate but died in the House.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2880 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 2880 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 2880 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6

Senate Bill 619 by Senator Kevin Sparks (R–Midland):

Further protects the conscience rights of health care professionals.

Senate Bill 619 passed the Senate but died in the House.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 619 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 619 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 619 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 619. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

Senate Bill 205 by Senator Angela Paxton (R-McKinney):

Requires that middle school students be taught about human fetal development.

Senate Bill 205 passed the Senate but died in the House.

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 205 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 205 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 205 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	3	3

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

Senate Bill 6 by Senator Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola):

Authorizes citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills into Texas, including through wrongful death lawsuits, and empowers the attorney general to take action against abortion pill traffickers and their accomplices.

Senate Bill 6 passed the Senate but died in the House.

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 6 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass Senate Bill 6 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6

✓ Vote to introduce Senate Bill 6 on Third Reading	Vote to open final debate on Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of Senate Bill 6. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

House Bill 7 by Representative Jeff Leach (R-Allen):

Adds civil enforcement tools to Texas Pro-Life laws to empower citizens to sue those who illegally distribute, manufacture, or traffic abortion pills in Texas.

		Points Earned	Potential Points
<i>House Bill 7 passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Abbott.</i>			
Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Vote to introduce House Bill 7 on Second Reading	Vote to open debate on House Bill 7. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Second Reading Vote	Vote to pass House Bill 7 to the next step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6
✓ Third Reading Vote	Vote for final passage of House Bill 7. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	6	6

ADDITIONAL POINTS

		Points Earned	Potential Points
Motion	Description of Motion		
✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on State Affairs for Senate Bill 33. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1

✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on State Affairs for Senate Bill 2880. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on State Affairs for Senate Bill 6 during the First Special Session. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on State Affairs for House Bill 7 during the Second Special Session. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on Education K-16 for Senate Bill 1207. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
✓ Committee Vote	Vote in the Senate Committee on Education K-16 for Senate Bill 205. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	1	1
Pro-Life priority legislation	Additional points for authoring one or more Pro-Life Priority bills or amendments. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 6
Pro-Life recommended legislation	Additional points for authoring one or more recommended Pro-Life bills or amendments (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 3
Anti-Life legislation	Penalties for authoring one or more anti-Life bills or amendments. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	- 6
Pro-Life speech or note	Additional points for Pro-Life speeches on the Senate floor or for Pro-Life statements in the Senate journal. (Supported by Texas Right to Life)	0	+ 3
Anti-Life speech or note	Penalties for anti-Life speeches on the Senate floor or for anti-Life statements in the Senate journal. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life)	0	- 3

Total Points Earned	97
Potential Points	97
Total Score	100%