

Florida 2021 Legislative Session: Bills and Positions

Below is a list of current legislation introduced in the Florida 2021 session that UnidosUS, the country's largest Hispanic civil rights organization, has taken an official position on. Bills are organized by [issue area](#). Legislation with a ✓ are bills we support as they will provide a positive impact to our community. Legislation with a ✗ are bills we oppose because of their harmful effect on Hispanic* Floridians.



Education

We pursue policies and advocacy efforts to ensure equitable access to opportunities for Latino students.

PK-12 Schools

- ✓ **SB 242/HB 75:** Student Health Services “Learning with Dignity” Act
- ✓ **SB 850/HB 543:** Mental Health Assistance Allocation/Student Mental Health
- ✓ **SB 1016:** Digital Learning
- ✓ **HB 985:** Digital Learning for Low-Income Students

Higher Education

- ✓ **SB300/HB 923:** Student Eligibility for Financial Assistance “Student Equity Bill for College Students”



Health

We work to decrease health problems in Latinos through policy analysis, advocacy, and partnerships with community organizations.

Child Health Care Access

- ✓ **SB 1244/HB 201:** Florida KidCare Program Eligibility
Closing the health coverage for Latino children is part of UnidosUS's federal priorities. See our fact sheet, [Latino Children's Health Coverage Facts](#) (2020), in partnership with Georgetown University.

* The terms “Hispanic” and “Latino” are used interchangeably by the U.S. Census Bureau and throughout this document to refer to persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, Dominican, Spanish, and other Hispanic descent; they may be of any race. This document may also refer to this population as “Latinx” to represent the diversity of gender identities and expressions that are present in the community.



Health (Continued)

Health Equity

- ✓ **SJR 276:** Medicaid Coverage
- ✓ **SB 238/HB 645:** Medicaid Eligibility “Post-Partum Medicaid”
- ✓ **SB 556/HB 43:** Eligibility for Medical Assistance and Related Service
- ✓ **SB 698/HB 341:** Optional Payments for Medical Assistance and Related Services
- ✓ **CS/SB 404/HB 183:** Office of Minority Health and Health Equity

Food Security

- ✓ **SB 1768/HB 1191:** Agriculture and Nutrition



Economy and Housing

We strengthen the ability of Latinos to contribute and share the nation’s economic opportunities.

- ✓ **SB 510/HB 13:** State Funds
- ✓ **SB 592/HB 207:** Reemployment Assistance
- ✓ **SB 910:** Unemployment Compensation



Voting and Civil Rights

We fight to protect equality of opportunities for all Hispanics, close disparities, and remove unjust barriers that prevent any citizen from exercising their right to vote.

- ✗ **HB 1/SB 484:** Combating Public Disorder
- ✗ **SB 90:** Election Administration
- ✗ **SJR 1238/HJR 61:** Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve an Amendment or a Revision

About UnidosUS

UnidosUS, previously known as NCLR (National Council of La Raza), is the nation’s largest Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization and has built a stronger country by creating opportunities for Latinos for more than 50 years. Through its unique combination of expert research, advocacy, programs, and an [Affiliate Network](#) of nearly 300 community-based organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico, UnidosUS simultaneously challenges the social, economic, and political barriers at the national and local levels. The UnidosUS Florida-based Affiliates include 17 community-based organizations that invest more than \$113 million and employ more than 3,200 staff to provide direct services to approximately 130,000 Floridians annually. UnidosUS is headquartered in Washington, DC, and has an office in Miami and staff in Orlando. Through partnerships, community investments, and state research and advocacy on housing, health, and education, UnidosUS advances opportunities for the more than six million Latinos who call Florida home and is present in 27 Florida counties.

For more information on UnidosUS, visit www.unidosus.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).