

Florida 2022 Legislative Session: Bills and Positions

Below is a list of current legislation introduced during the Florida 2022 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 UnidosUS supports 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.

- ✓ **SB 708/HB 415**: Native Language Assessments in Public Schools
- ✓ **SB 248/HB 175**: Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools
- ✓ **SB 400/HB 229**: Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning
- ✓ **SB 390/HB 235**: Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools
- ✓ **SB 1240/HB 899**: Mental Health of Students
- ✗ **SB 148/HB 7**: Individual Freedom



Health

We support the health and well-being of Latinos through policy analysis, advocacy, and partnerships with community organizations.

- ✓ **SB 958/HB 541**: State Nutrition Assistance Reimbursement Program
- ✓ **SB 1504/HB 27**: Medicaid Coverage
- ✓ **SB 1422/HB 1181**: Florida KidCare Program Eligibility
- ✓ **SJR 412/HUR 239**: State Medicaid Plan
- ✓ **SB 1450/HB 1311**: Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- ✓ **SB 1566/HB 825**: School Nutrition Program Requirements
- ✓ **SB 1646**: School Meals

* 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.



Economy and Housing

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

- ✓ **SB 234/HB 213**: Working Families Tax Rebate
- ✗ **SB 620/HB 569**: Local Government
- ✗ **SB 280/HB 403**: Local Ordinances
- ✗ **SB 1124/HB 943**: Preemption of Local Government Wage Mandates
- ✓ **SB 648/HB 511**: COVID-19 Eviction Information/"Eviction Records"
- ✓ **HB 6005**: Payments Made into the Registry of the Court



Civil Rights and Voting

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

- ✓ **SB 388/HB 221**: Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- ✓ **SB 368**: Voter Registration
- ✓ **SB 732/HB 887**: Heat Illness Prevention
- ✗ **SB 1872/HB 11**: Prohibit Filming Law Enforcement
- ✗ **SB 1808/HB 1355**: Immigrant Enforcement

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 that affect Latinos 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.

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