

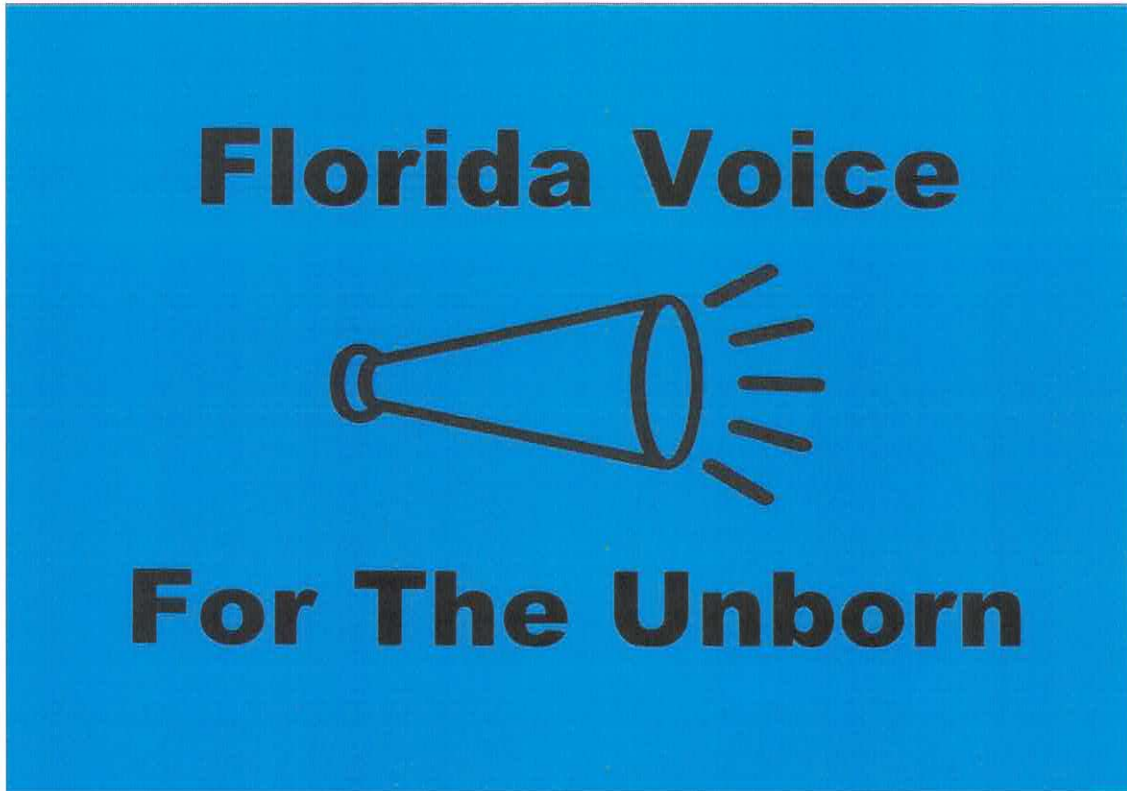
Baby Box Bill ACTION ALERT!

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Dear Friend of the Unborn:

With just about two weeks left to go in the 2021 Legislative Session in Tallahassee, Senate Bill 122 (the "Baby Box Bill") has finally been scheduled for its final committee stop, which will take place **this upcoming Monday, April 19th, before the Senate Appropriations Committee.**

This legislation passed overwhelmingly in the House back on March 18th. However, the core of the opposition has always been in the Senate and the legislation died in that chamber last session. We need to contact as many members of the Appropriations Committee as possible between now and Monday in order to get the Baby Box legislation to the finish line in time for Governor DeSantis to sign it into law. There are 40 senators in the Florida Senate and half of them (20) sit on the Appropriations Committee. Let's encourage them to not only pass Senate Bill 122 out of the committee, but to also vote for it when it comes before the full Senate.

Here, again, are the key talking points about Senate Bill 122, which you should emphasize when e-mailing and/or calling the senators:

- A baby box is actually a temperature-controlled safety device that accepts surrendered newborn infants and comes equipped with an alarm system that is triggered once a newborn is placed inside. A form of these devices has been around for centuries in many places throughout the globe. The modern-day baby boxes, provided primarily through Safe Haven Baby Boxes, are completely safe.
- Senate Bill 122 provides necessary regulations governing the use of a baby box, such as by requiring Florida baby box locations to have an adequate surveillance system that is in working condition 24 hours a day.
- Senate Bill 122 increases the age at which an infant may be legally surrendered, from 7 days to 30 days old. This increase is needed to give mothers more options for safely surrendering their newborns. Illegal infant abandonments, which have led to death, do not just occur in the first week following an infant's birth.
- Baby boxes have a proven track record of deterring illegal newborn abandonments and saving lives. Since Indiana installed the nation's first Safe Haven Baby Box several years ago, there have been no reported illegal newborn abandonments in that state. And in 2019, Indiana had 9 newborn infants surrendered via baby boxes.
- Senate Bill 122 in no way mandates any new taxes or fees in order to pay for baby boxes. Rather, it will be up to private entities (such as hospitals) and city governments as to how they will allocate funds for the purchase and installation of a baby box. The state of Florida is not involved in funding the baby boxes.

To e-mail an individual senator, just click that individual's e-mail address in order to write and send your own unique message. To make things easier, however, further down I have listed all of their e-mail addresses together. You may "copy and paste" these addresses into the "to" header of a new e-mail message. If you choose to use this option, be sure to write a "subject line" such as "Pass Senate Bill 122 (the Baby Box Bill)", as well as write your own unique message and then hit send! We also need to call these committee members. I have listed the phone numbers for each senator's Tallahassee and district offices. Remember, if you can't get a hold of anyone, just leave a polite message. And, again, no matter what – mention that you're with Florida Voice for the Unborn!

Here are the office phone numbers for the senators on the Appropriations Committee:

Chair Kelli Stargel (R): (850) 487-5022 or (863) 668-3028

Vice Chair Aaron Bean (R): (850) 487-5004 or (904) 757-5039

Ben Albritton (R): (850) 487-5026 or (863) 534-0073. Note: he's a co-sponsor of the bill, so THANK him for co-sponsoring it!

Lauren Book (D): (850) 487-5032 or (954) 424-6674

Randolph Bracy (D): (850) 487-5011 or (407) 297-2045

Jeff Brandes (R): (850) 487-5024 or (727) 563-2100
Doug Broxson (R): (850) 487-5001 or (850) 595-1036
Manny Diaz (R): (850) 487-5036 & (305) 364-3073
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Audrey Gibson (D): (850) 487-5006 or (904) 359-2553
Ed Hooper (R): (850) 487-5016 or (727) 771-2102
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Keith Perry (R): (850) 487-5008 or (352) 264-4040
Jason Pizzo (D): (850) 487-5038 or (305) 795-1205
Bobby Powell (D): (850) 487-5030 or (561) 650-6880
Darryl Rouson (D): (850) 487-5019 or (727) 822-6828
Linda Stewart (D): (850) 487-5013 or (407) 893-2422

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If you'd like to testify in favor of Senate Bill 122 this Monday, you must go to Room A3 at the Donald L. Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola Street, Tallahassee. The Civic Center has free parking, and you should arrive by 9:30 a.m. You do not need to register online ahead of time to testify. But please be aware that there are close to 100 other bills scheduled to be heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee during Monday's hearing, which is slated to occur from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Baby Box Bill is currently the second bill on the meeting agenda, but the committee can consider bills in any order that it pleases.

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Thank you for all that YOU do in support of a Culture of Life.

P.S. Don't forget to contact the senators listed above about Senate Bill 122 (the Baby Box Bill). Let's finally get this legislation enacted into law. We're very, very close to the finish line!

For Their Lives,



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