

Jamie Grant, Republican Representative- House District 64

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Overview

Has served in House since 2010

Presently:

- Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Chair
- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Vice Chair
- Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, Member
- Judiciary Committee, Member

2020 Legislative Update

His performance during the 2020 Legislative session earned him a grade of 43% and an **F** rating on the People First Report Card issued by Progress Florida.

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Grant voted in favor of an Attack on Florida Workers

HB 1/SB 804

This is the latest attempt to take more power away from working people. The bill would hurt teachers, first responders and other public employees by putting employers between public service unions and their members and ban automatic union membership renewals. The bill passed the House but wasn't taken up by the Senate.

He refused to allow Bans on Dangerous Chemicals

HB 113 / SB 172

After failing to get preemption passed last year that would stop local communities from regulating drugs and cosmetics sales, this year the bill was rushed through. Why? Because Key West banned the sale of sunscreens containing chemicals harmful to coral reefs, a vital part of our coastal ecosystem and economy. The bill passed the House and Senate.

Grant insists on Burdensome Expansion of E-Verify

SB 664

This bill harms Florida's economy, burdens employers, and places employment obstacles in the path of all workers by mandating use of the error-prone E-Verify program for all new hires, including all U.S. citizens. Experts predict this law will result in thousands of qualified U.S. Citizens wrongfully denied the right to work, with no mechanism to appeal. This bill forces business owners to participate in a massive government surveillance operation, and will lead to discrimination and pose privacy and security concerns. The bill passed both the House and Senate.

Voted to limit civil rights through Forced Parental Consent for Abortion Care

SB 404

This legislation will require young people to obtain parental consent prior to receiving an abortion. Studies have clearly shown these policies make our most at-risk young people less safe. That is why leading health and medical professionals oppose these laws. After failing to pass this blatantly unconstitutional law last year, conservative legislators pushed it through this year in order to trigger a court challenge and have the strong privacy protections in our state constitution reinterpreted to no longer apply.

Growth Mismanagement Bill II

HB 519 / SB 1766

This legislation would have exposed taxpayers and local governments to unlimited financial liability from lawsuits filed by developers. Also, the ability of smart growth advocates and organizations to participate in local development challenges would have been curtailed. The result would be more urban sprawl, poorly designed, and unsustainable developments. The bill passed the House but wasn't taken up in the Senate.

Grant votes to Silence Florida Voters

SB 1794

Florida already has one of the most difficult citizen-led amendment processes in the country. Unfortunately, legislative leadership in both chambers, backed by corporate special interest lobbyists, don't want voters to be able to amend their **own** constitution. This bill continues an ongoing effort to mire Florida's citizen initiative process with enough red tape to silence the voters' voice. This attack on direct democracy passed both chambers.

Silencing Florida Voters Part II

[HJR 7093/SB 7062](#)

This resolution was an attempt to require citizen initiative campaigns to gather a minimum number of signatures from all 25 of the state's U.S. House districts to qualify for the ballot, a significant financial burden for grassroots funded campaigns. The joint resolution passed the House but wasn't taken up in the Senate.

Grant continues to undermine public education

[CS/HB 7067 / SB 1220](#)

Diverting millions more in tax dollars to unaccountable private voucher schools, and allowing taxpayer supported private schools to discriminate, is bad public policy that harms students. It's particularly bad policy when public school teachers are already reaching into their own pockets for everything from art supplies to hand soap. The bill passed the House but wasn't voted on in the Senate.

Parental Bill of Wrongs

[CS/HB 1059](#)

This was a bill pushed by the ultra-conservative groups Alliance Defending Freedom and Focus on the Family. Passage would have dissuaded or prohibited some minors from receiving the services they need, including preventative care, wellness exams, mental health care, and reproductive health care. Further, it would disrupt school sex

education, STI prevention activities, and alcohol and drug abuse treatment. This bill passed the House but wasn't voted on in the Senate.

Talking Points

HEALTHCARE: Voted to allow insurance companies to charge more to people with pre-existing conditions if Obamacare is repealed or overturned. Pre-existing conditions include heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, pregnancy, depression, and many other health issues.

ENVIRONMENT: According to Sierra Club Florida, he “actively worked against the environment” when he voted contrary to their recommendations on every environmental bill detailed in their Legislative Scorecards for 2019 and 2020.

GUN SAFETY: He earned a 100% NRA rating for 2018. He opposes universal background checks and a ban on assault weapons. He has voted to allow teachers to be armed, for open carry of firearms, and to allow firearms on college campuses. In 2019, he voted against a special session to consider universal background checks and other measures to address gun violence.

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