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BREAKING NEWS:

PRO-LIFE BILLS INTRODUCED WOULD GRANT THE MOST ROBUST PROTECTION FOR UNBORN IN FLORIDA'S HISTORY

(Tallahassee, FL) This morning, Senator Kelli Stargel and Representative Erin Grall filed bills [HB 5](#) and [SB 146](#) on "Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality." The bills create enhanced measures to defend the lives of unborn children. If these bills pass, the new law would be the strongest protection for unborn children in Florida's history to date.

In light of the *Dobbs* decision currently before the U.S. Supreme Court, all eyes are on the legislative session in Tallahassee this year. If the *Dobbs* case upholds Mississippi's 15-week ban, it sets the stage for implementing a similar law here in Florida.

John Stemberger, President of the Florida Family Policy Council, released the following statement on the newly introduced pro-life legislation:

This bill is a unique and comprehensive approach to protecting unborn children. If the bill passes it would provide the most robust protection for unborn babies in Florida's post-*Roe* history. The bill protects unborn children after 15 weeks of pregnancy which is almost identical to the Mississippi law in the *Dobbs* case which is now before the U.S. Supreme Court to be decided in June of 2022 where many expect *Roe vs. Wade* could be overturned. The bill also addresses and fixes the late-term abortion problem we have in Florida, since many pregnant mothers travel to Florida for the express purpose of receiving a later term abortion which is not allowed in other states. The bill increases reporting requirements, including the reporting of chemical abortions which are becoming more and more prevalent. The Senate and House bills are well-thought out and almost mirror each other which increases the bill's likelihood of passage. This bill is a major step in the right direction.

Today, Tuesday January 11, 2022, is the first day of Tallahassee's legislative session. If passed, the bill would go into effect on July 1st 2022.

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