



PRO-LIFE SCORECARD

FOR THE
2017 SESSIONS OF THE 85TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

CINDY BURKETT
TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 113
(R-SUNNYVALE)

✓ Voted Pro-Life ✗ Voted Anti-Life

Total Pro-Life
Score:

73%

■ Anti-Life
■ Pro-Life



Key: EA = Excused Absence; UA = Unexcused Absence; PNV = Present, Not Voting; and Chair = Presiding at the Chair during the vote

Burkett sponsored Senate Bill 8 in the House during the regular session. She did not oppose strengthening amendments until Representative Schaefer offered an amendment that would have protected preborn children with disabilities from abortion after 20 weeks. Burkett spoke against the life-saving amendment and later clarified in the House journal that although she missed this vote, she would have voted against the amendment. Burkett also authored a bill to reorganize the Texas Medical Board, which was under sunset review. In that bill, Burkett would have enrolled Texas into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, allowing an unelected board of doctors from other states to override Pro-Life laws enacted by the Texas Legislature. Burkett is one of Texas Right to Life's 2017 Disappointments.

Senate Bill 1: The State's Budget for FY 2018-19 (regular session)

Points
Earned

Potential
Points

| Motion | Description of motion | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| ✓ Amendment 30 by Leach | Redirects funds to the Healthy Texas Women program. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Amendment 29 by Shaheen | Redirects funds to Healthy Texas Women program. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Amendment 76 by Krause | Increases funding for the Alternatives to Abortion program by \$20,000,000. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Amendment 75 by Schofield | Increases funding for the Alternatives to Abortion program by \$20,000,000. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Amendment 197 by Springer & Rinaldi | Prohibits state funds to abortion providers and their affiliates. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |



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| ✓ Amendment 284 by Cain | Prohibits state funding of research that destroys human embryos. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. (Amendment Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 285 by Cain | Strengthens prohibition on state funding of research that destroys human embryos. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 287 by Cain | Prohibits the use of state funds to buy or conduct research on the bodies of aborted children. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 288 by Cain | Strengthens the prohibition on the use of state funds to buy or conduct research on the bodies of aborted children. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 295 by Rinaldi | Prohibits state funding for abortion providers and their affiliates. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 297 by Schaefer | Prohibits state funding for abortion providers and their affiliates. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |
| ✓ Amendment 366 by Leach | Redirects \$5,000,000 to the Healthy Texas Women program. No vote was taken on this amendment, but members could make their position known by entering a statement in the official Journal of the House. Representatives who registered their opposition earned a 3-point penalty. | 0 | -3 |

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| ✓ Motion to Instruct by Leach | Motion to instruct the members of the Texas House who served on the conference committee for the final version of SB 1 to maintain the funding level for the Healthy Texas Women program voted on by the Texas House. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Motion to Instruct by Lang | Motion to instruct the members of the Texas House who served on the conference committee for the final version of SB 1 to maintain the funding level for the Alternatives to Abortion program voted on by the Texas House. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Motion to Instruct by Shaheen | Motion to instruct the members of the Texas House who served on the conference committee for the final version of SB 1 to maintain the prohibition on abortion providers and their affiliates from state funds passed by the Texas House. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |

Senate Bill 8: Pro-Life Omnibus Bill (regular session)

Points Earned | Potential Points

| Motion | Description of motion | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| ✓ Amendment 1 by Burkett | Adds severability language so that each section of SB 8 remains in effect if another section of SB 8 is challenged in court. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Amendment 3 by Turner | Weakens the dismemberment abortion ban with an exception to dismember unborn children conceived through sexual assault or incest. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Amendment 4 by Farrar | Weakens the dismemberment abortion ban if the abortionist claims that dismemberment was safer. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Amendment 5 by Farrar | Weakens the dismemberment abortion ban by adding vague terms to the “life of the mother” exception already in the bill. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Amendment 2 by Klick | Bans the inhumane dismemberment abortion procedure through which a live unborn child dies from being torn limb from limb. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Amendment 7 by S. Davis | Strikes half of SB 8, including the ban on the purchase and sale of baby body parts, as well as fetal burial and cremation requirements. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Amendments 9-13 & 21 | A series of six weakening amendments to SB 8 offered by anti-Life Democrats. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✗ Amendment 15 by Cain and Oliverson | Strengthens guidelines to prohibit donation of placenta and umbilical cord blood from being sold or donated after an elective abortion. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 0 (UA) | 1 |

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| ✓ Amendment 19 by Schaefer | Requires abortionists to submit monthly abortion reports electronically and directs the Department of State Health Services to develop an electronic system for abortion reporting. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✗ Motion to Table Amendment 22 by Schaefer | Representative Schaefer offered an amendment supported by Texas Right to Life to close a loophole in current Pro-Life laws that allows preborn children with disabilities to be killed by abortion after 20 weeks of development. This motion to table was to kill Schaefer's amendment, demarcating loyalty to the Pro-Life cause or the anti-Life leadership of the Texas House. (Motion to Table Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | 0 (UA) | 6 |
| ✓ Second Reading Vote | House floor vote to pass Senate Bill 8 to third reading, the final step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | House floor vote on the final passage of Senate Bill 8. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 3 | 3 |

Senate Bill 11: Reform to Do-Not-Resuscitate Orders for Hospitalized Patients (special session)

Points Earned

Potential Points

| Motion | Description of motion | | |
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| ✓ Third Reading Vote | House floor vote on the final passage of Senate Bill 11. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |

House Bill 13: Abortion Complications Reporting (special session)

Points Earned

Potential Points

| Motion | Description of motion | | |
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| ✓ Amendment 1 by Capriglione | Requires electronic reporting by the abortionist. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Motions to Table Amendments 2 & 4 | Motions to stop two weakening, anti-Life amendments to HB 13 offered by anti-Life Democrats. (Motions to Table Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Second Reading Vote | House floor vote to pass House Bill 13 to third reading, the final step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | House floor vote on the final passage of House Bill 13. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |

House Bill 215: Reporting for Minors Seeking Abortions and Reporting on Abortions Committed due to Fetal Abnormality (special session)

Points Earned

Potential Points

| Motion | Description of motion | Points Earned | Potential Points |
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| ✓ Second Reading Vote | House floor vote to pass House Bill 215 to third reading, the final step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | House floor vote on the final passage of House Bill 215. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |

House Bill 214: Pro-Life Health Insurance Reform (special session)

Points Earned

Potential Points

| Motion | Description of motion | Points Earned | Potential Points |
|---|---|---------------|------------------|
| ✓ Motion to Table Amendment 1 by Hinojosa | Motion to stop a weakening, anti-Life amendment to force taxpayers to fund insurance coverage for abortion of preborn children with disabilities. (Motion to Table Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 2 | 2 |
| ✓ Motion to Table Amendment 2 by Hinojosa | Motion to stop a weakening, anti-Life amendment to add a vague and undefined loophole. (Motion to Table Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 2 | 2 |
| ✓ Motions to Table Amendments 3-6 | Motions to stop four weakening, anti-Life amendments to HB 214 offered by anti-Life Democrats. (Motions to Table Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Motion to Table Amendment 7 by Dutton | Motion to stop a weakening, anti-Life amendment to force taxpayers to fund insurance coverage for abortion of preborn children with disabilities, children conceived in rape or incest, or if the abortion was recommended by a doctor. (Motion to Table Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 2 | 2 |
| ✓ Second Reading Vote | House floor vote to pass House Bill 214 to third reading, the final step in passage. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✓ Third Reading Vote | House floor vote on the final passage of House Bill 214. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |

Additional votes

Points Earned | Potential Points

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|--|---|---------------|------------------|
| ✓ Amendment 2 by Krause to House Bill 2561 | Protects religious liberty and sincerely held religious beliefs for pharmacists. (Supported by Texas Right to Life.) | 1 | 1 |
| ✗ Publicly opposing or attempting to weaken a Pro-Life measure | Scorecard penalties for anti-Life amendments and anti-Life speeches on the House floor. (Opposed by Texas Right to Life.) | -10 | -10 |

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| Total Points Earned | 45 |
| Potential Points | 62 |
| Total Score | 73% |