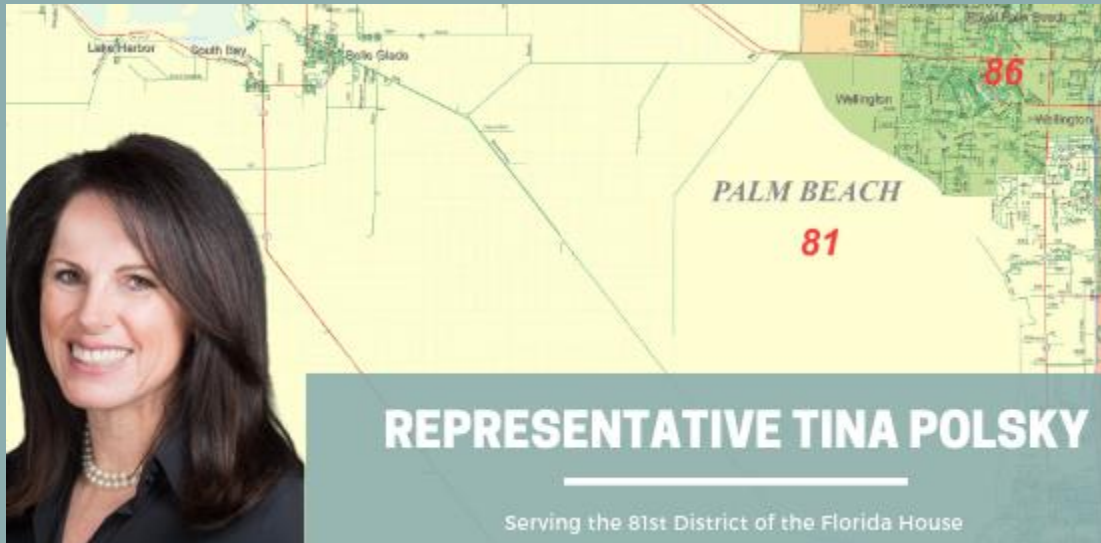


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Good Afternoon Friends,

Thank you so much for subscribing to the Polsky Pulse.

Enclosed in this email you will find a copy of the Pulse in Tallahassee, Session Week Six Edition. This edition of the Pulse has great information regarding the fourth week of the 2020 Legislative Session.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will do my best to address them

Sincerely,

Rep. Tina Polsky

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## Session Week 6 Update

# Pulse in Tallahassee

Florida State Representative Tina Polsky, District 81  
Session Week #6, February 17-21

Dear Friends,

This week we heard even more bills on the floor of House as we enter the final weeks of session. I'm looking forward to the bills and ideas we will be debating in the coming weeks. As we move ahead, I will keep you updated on the comings and goings of the legislative session in Tallahassee.

## **This Week**

- **HB 1059, Parental Rights**-This week, HB 1059 is being heard to expand the scope of Parental Rights under Florida law. This bill will require a health care practitioner to obtain parental consent before performing health care services on a minor child, in addition to requiring school districts to promote parental involvement. The potential consequences could be the parent denying their child access to sex or Holocaust educational lessons. The bill could also be detrimental to LGBTQ youth who utilize school counseling services and are afraid to share these details with their parents.

- **HB 89, Adoption Records**-This week, HB 89 is being heard in regards to adoption records. The Florida Adoption Act was created in order to ease the legal process for providing stable and permanent homes for adoptive children. This bill would add onto that standard and allow birth parents and adoptees, who are 18 and older, to request in writing the release of their names without a court order. This bill would help give more autonomy to those involved in the adoption system.



Representative Polsky meeting with FAU High School Students



Representative Polsky debating SB 404, Parental Consent

- **HJR 157, Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of District School Board**-This resolution would put on the ballot an initiative to create term limits of 8 years for school board members. I believe that this bill risks creating school boards that are unequipped to handle some of the complex matters in a school district. By putting term limits on these bodies, we reduce the amount of crucial institutional knowledge that helps make these districts run smoothly.

## **On the Horizon**

- **CS/HB 1289, Informed Consent for Pelvic Procedures**-Next week, the House will hear this bill that would require that a physician obtain written consent from a patient before performing a pelvic examination. This is a great bill that, I believe, will help reduce instances of sexual harassment and assault in the medical world.
- **HB 1149, Local Government Fiscal Transparency**-This

bill will be heard on the floor as well next week. This bill would require that all local governments to provide more information on their websites regarding votes to increase taxes and millage rates among others. While this bill is good in theory, it represents another unfunded mandate imposed upon local governments. If the legislature wants to keep putting more requirements on these governments, they should provide more financial assistance to do so.



Representative Polsky with FAU Graduate College Students

Sincerely,

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