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# Arkansas Citizens First Congress

Arkansas Legislature

## Vote Guide and Scorecard



# Thank You!

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The CFC owes great thanks to our members, allies, donors, supporters and the thousands of people who came to the Capitol to support the CFC platform. You are the engine of change in Arkansas. Arkansas is a better state for everyone because of you.

We thank all the lawmakers for putting in the time and hard work required to serve Arkansas.

## Thanks to the sponsors of our Priority bills:

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| † Representative Warwick Sabin    | † Senator David Johnson     |
| † Representative Fred Love        | † Senator Joyce Elliott     |
| † Representative Greg Leding      | † Senator Jake Files        |
| † Representative Sheilla Lampkin  | † Senator Jeremy Hutchinson |
| † Representative Matthew Shepherd | † Senator David Burnett     |

**The Arkansas Citizens First Congress** is a multi-issue and non-partisan coalition of Arkansas organizations who work together to ensure fairness in the political process, expand educational and economic opportunities, and safeguard public health, the environment and the civil rights of all Arkansans. Coalition members come from all corners of the state and work on many different issues. Delegates representing our member groups come together at the CFC Convention to propose, discuss, and vote on the issues that the CFC will work on in the upcoming legislative session. At the Arkansas Legislature, the coalition members advocate together on this common agenda. They also watchdog the legislature and lobby against threats to progressive policy. We were founded in 1998 to strengthen the void of grassroots Arkansans in our legislative process.

# Welcome to our legislative guide

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Here is an official record of what went down, and up, at the 2015 Arkansas Legislature. Through bright spots and disappointments, the legislative session illustrated the importance of people working together.

The best thing we did this session was involve thousands of people across the state in the process and introduce them to one another. We come from many walks of life across the state but we have one goal in mind: a better Arkansas for everyone. It is OUR legislature, though many special interest lobbyists don't act that way.

We are a volunteer driven organization. Our amazing donors, supporters and member groups gave time, money and wisdom to achieve every success in this guide.

## Some highlights from the 90th General Assembly:

- ✓ Renewal of the Private Option health insurance plan: Our members and partners got the message through that Arkansas can't afford to abandon access to quality health care for 250,000 Arkansans.
- ✓ The power of people:
  - ◆ Your calls flooded the Governor's office to expand pre-K funding.
  - ◆ Thousands of Arkansans filled the Capitol to fight discrimination, and more than 5,000 Arkansans from every corner of the state signed our petition asking the Governor to reject legalized discrimination.
  - ◆ Thousands called their legislators and rallied at the Capitol to stop privatization of public schools.
- ✓ Task force on Special Education: Parents joined Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, the Opportunity to Learn Campaign and other partners to highlight our duty to better serve children with special needs.
- ✓ Energy efficiency improvements: We sowed new seeds for the work ahead to create green jobs, save consumers money, control carbon emissions and fight climate change.
- ✓ Prison reform: We took small but important steps on campaigns to make our judicial system safer, less expensive, more equitable and to address the needs of people with mental health issues.

We had setbacks as well. The Governor's final budget slashed funding for libraries and health clinics. Proven educational reforms went unfunded or underfunded. Needed prison reforms went underfunded. Tax relief for the working poor was rejected while tax breaks for millionaires sailed through.

Working people had a hard session. Lawmakers cut unemployment benefits by more than 20%. They rejected giving workers the right to see a pay stub. They voted to continue the only debtors' prison left in America, which criminalizes late rent.

They also cut education standards for curriculum, teacher certification and facilities. They sided with big oil over individual property rights and made it harder for Arkansas to create its own clean power plan. They rejected a proposal to study the racial impact of new legislation. They took local control away from communities who might consider their own civil rights ordinances and rejected legislation that would have ended the expensive, unnecessary and discriminatory death penalty.

Some of our priorities did not pass, but we built momentum, developed leadership and will keep pushing. Arkansas lawmakers respond to their local constituents. We need to keep talking with our neighbors and friends about the priorities our state should have to create opportunities for everyone.

We hope you find this guide useful. Use it to educate your neighbors and ask your legislators questions.

Thank you for all you do to make Arkansas better.

***William El-Amin and Mark A. Robertson,  
Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Citizens First Congress***

# CFC Priorities

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- ◆ **Improve opportunities to learn for all students with research proven education reforms.**
- ◆ **Support a sound state budget, fair tax reform and Renewal of the Private Option Insurance Program.**
- ◆ **Support energy efficiency and renewable energy reforms that reduce carbon pollution, save consumers money and create jobs.**
- ◆ **Develop a new State Water Plan that uses the best science and engages a broad range of Arkansans to protect our natural resources.**
- ◆ **Oppose all attempts at state-level immigration reform and oppose punitive anti-immigrant legislation.**
- ◆ **Prison Reform & Judicial Equality for Mental Health.**
- ◆ **Fair Election Reform to increase standards and transparency in elections.**
- ◆ **Address wage theft, raise the minimum wage and implement worker safeguards and reforms.**
- ◆ **Create an Arkansas Civil & Human Rights Commission.**
- ◆ **Reform eminent domain laws to protect citizens.**



*CFC Youth Advocacy Day 2015.*

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# Historical Trends

## Historical trends in CFC Voting Records:

Overall scores in our vote guide have been declining for the past 6 years, as you can see below. The body has also become more partisan and divisive as the overlap in scores between Democrats and Republicans is shrinking. A legislator's vote on a given issue is now much more strongly correlated to the party that legislator is from than it used to be. This polarized and hyper-partisan climate makes progress on non-partisan issues more challenging.

### Arkansas House:

Year	Average	High	Low	Average					
				Civ	Econ	Edu	Elec/	Enviro	Health
2009	77%	95%	34%	73%	56%	93%	72%	81%	75%
2011	57%	85%	22%	56%	33%	66%	72%	57%	84%
2013	52%	89%	19%	—	33%	67%	50%	47%	60%
2015	46%	86%	14%	37%	23%	53%	66%	33%	80%

### Arkansas Senate:

Year	Average	High	Low	Average					
				Civ	Econ	Edu	Elec/	Enviro	Health
2009	83%	94%	72%	81%	55%	92%	75%	92%	80%
2011	71%	89%	61%	100%	46%	76%	91%	67%	96%
2013	57%	82%	33%	43%	21%	77%	55%	57%	68%
2015	50%	89%	30%	34%	25%	62%	47%	46%	79%

We do not view most of our issues as liberal or conservative, but as community issues aimed at improving opportunities and the quality of life for ALL Arkansans.



Senator Joyce Elliott and Sarah Dillard of Dumas at the CFC South Arkansas Advocacy Day.



Representative Sheilla Lampkin with James Moore of Magnolia.

# What is a Vote Guide?

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This is a guide to how every legislator voted on the 32 active bills that the CFC thought were most important. Though the CFC took positions on other bills, many were not voted on.

During the legislative session, the CFC Steering Committee votes to support, oppose or track various bills based on the CFC's platform. We advocate for those positions, send alerts to the public and monitor how legislators vote. This is the final record of how those bills played out.

This guide does not endorse or condemn any legislator—or tell you whether your legislators are “good” or “bad”—it simply compares votes taken by legislators to the CFC's Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas and other issues on our broad platform. There are many complexities that are impossible to put in a voting chart—this guide tells you *how* your legislators tend to vote, but it does not tell you *why*.

Legislators are volunteers who generally hold other jobs (they do receive a stipend, but not a salary). Most of them don't have legislative staff or aides, and they considered 2105 pieces of legislation in just three months. It's an incredible load to keep up with, and we respect every legislator, even when we disagree.

The overall scores show the percentage of the time legislators voted with the CFC position. The Legislative Scorecard section (pg 3) shows these overall scores as well as scores for each CFC issue area.

Each issue section has a summary of the bills we supported and opposed, a record of how each legislator voted on the bills that came up for a vote and a score showing the percentage of the time the legislators voted with the CFC position on that specific issue.

Other important legislation was considered which is not included in this guide.

You can find more at CitizensFirst.org or the Arkansas Legislature's web site—[www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)



*Representative Chris Richey with south Arkansas youth at the CFC Youth Advocacy Day.*

# How to read this guide

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## Bill Descriptions:

In each section, you will see the bills related to the CFC Priorities as well as other bills of interest. Each bill shows the bill number, the sponsor, the bill's status, and a brief description. **Bills we supported are shown in blue; bills we opposed are shown in red.** The bill descriptions include more bills than the charts, as not all bills came up for a vote.

Notes on bill status:

**Died:** The bill was not voted on, it neither passed nor failed.

**Failed:** The bill failed to get enough votes (usually a majority, but some tax and all budget bills require a 3/4 majority vote). Bills that fail in committee are usually unrecorded voice votes, but the few recorded committee roll-call votes are included.

**Enacted:** These bills have passed the House and Senate and become law! They will have an **Act number** listed.

Note: the Governor does not have to sign a bill for it to become law.

## Vote Charts:

✓ means the legislator voted **with the CFC position.**

✗ means the legislator voted **against the CFC position.**

◆ **If the CFC opposed a bill,**  
✓ means that the legislator voted **against** the bill, and  
✗ means that they voted **for** the bill.

◆ **If the CFC supported a bill,**  
✓ means that the legislator voted **for** the bill, and  
✗ means that they voted **against** the bill.

◆ To calculate the scores, ✓ counts as one point, and  
✗ counts as zero points.

◆ **P** means “present” or “nonvoting,” and is counted as a “nay” vote because not voting has the same effect as voting against a bill (the bill can't pass without “yes” votes).

When the **P** is in favor of the CFC's position on a bill it counts for 0.5 points. If the **P** is against the CFC's position it counts for zero points.



◆ Occasionally, members are excused from a vote (**E**). An **E** is not counted in the score.

◆ It is customary for the Speaker of the House to be excused from all but the most controversial votes, as he must also make sure the House functions smoothly—no easy task! Because of this, we have not given Speaker Gillam a score, but you can still see how he voted on the bills.

◆ In the Legislative Scorecard, lead sponsors of our Priority bills are marked ++.



House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Elec/Gov	Enviro	Health	TOTAL
Armstrong, C. (D)	80%	83%	81%	50%	50%	0%	<b>70%</b>
Armstrong, E. (D)	70%	67%	88%	50%	40%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Baine (D)	50%	0%	64%	100%	0%	100%	<b>46%</b>
Ballinger (R)	40%	0%	8%	0%	17%	100%	<b>17%</b>
Baltz (D)	40%	67%	88%	50%	42%	100%	<b>67%</b>
Beck (R)	25%	17%	40%	50%	42%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Bell (R)	20%	17%	15%	0%	17%	100%	<b>18%</b>
Bennett (D)	40%	33%	75%	100%	25%	100%	<b>57%</b>
Bentley (R)	40%	0%	33%	50%	17%	0%	<b>27%</b>
Blake (D)	90%	100%	79%	100%	50%	100%	<b>79%</b>
Boyd (R)	40%	25%	42%	100%	33%	100%	<b>43%</b>
Bragg (R)	40%	25%	33%	50%	42%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Branscum (R)	40%	0%	58%	0%	42%	100%	<b>42%</b>
Broadway (D)	60%	33%	83%	100%	50%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Brown (R)	40%	0%	42%	50%	33%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Collins (R)	40%	0%	46%	50%	17%	100%	<b>36%</b>
Copeland (R)	40%	0%	42%	0%	33%	0%	<b>31%</b>
Cozart (R)	20%	0%	42%	0%	33%	100%	<b>32%</b>
Davis (R)	40%	0%	33%	50%	25%	100%	<b>33%</b>
Deffenbaugh (R)	60%	0%	58%	0%	17%	0%	<b>38%</b>
Della Rosa (R)	40%	0%	67%	100%	33%	100%	<b>52%</b>
Dotson (R)	20%	0%	17%	0%	17%	0%	<b>14%</b>
Douglas, C. (R)	40%	0%	58%	0%	42%	0%	<b>40%</b>
Douglas, D. (R)	50%	0%	33%	0%	33%	100%	<b>33%</b>
Drown (R)	40%	0%	50%	100%	42%	100%	<b>47%</b>
Eads (R)	40%	0%	42%	100%	33%	100%	<b>41%</b>
Eaves (R)	40%	0%	54%	0%	25%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Eubanks (R)	50%	17%	50%	100%	0%	100%	<b>41%</b>
Farrer (R)	20%	0%	54%	50%	50%	100%	<b>43%</b>
Ferguson, D. (D)	50%	38%	67%	100%	33%	100%	<b>57%</b>
Ferguson, K. (D)	80%	50%	79%	100%	42%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Fielding (D)	60%	83%	58%	0%	58%	100%	<b>59%</b>
Fite, C. (R)	40%	0%	25%	0%	8%	100%	<b>22%</b>
Fite, L. (R)	40%	0%	50%	100%	33%	100%	<b>45%</b>
Flowers, V. (D)	100%	100%	83%	100%	50%	100%	<b>83%</b>
Gates (R)	50%	17%	17%	0%	17%	100%	<b>23%</b>
Gonzales (R)	40%	0%	33%	0%	33%	100%	<b>31%</b>
Gossage (R)	40%	50%	50%	0%	58%	100%	<b>46%</b>
Gray, M.J. (D)	60%	33%	81%	50%	17%	100%	<b>58%</b>
Gray, M. (R)	40%	0%	33%	100%	17%	0%	<b>31%</b>
Hammer (R)	40%	13%	42%	50%	25%	100%	<b>37%</b>
Harris (R)	40%	0%	8%	50%	8%	100%	<b>18%</b>
Henderson (R)	40%	25%	42%	50%	20%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Hendren, K. (R)	40%	33%	58%	0%	50%	100%	<b>48%</b>
Hickerson (R)	30%	17%	38%	100%	0%	100%	<b>33%</b>
Hillman (D)	30%	0%	67%	50%	42%	100%	<b>48%</b>

House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Elec/Gov	Enviro	Health	TOTAL
Hodges, G. (R)	40%	0%	46%	100%	17%	0%	<b>37%</b>
Hodges, M. (D)	88%	67%	75%	100%	50%	100%	<b>73%</b>
Holcomb (D)	50%	0%	58%	100%	42%	100%	<b>52%</b>
House (R)	40%	0%	42%	0%	25%	100%	<b>33%</b>
Jean (R)	40%	0%	33%	0%	50%	0%	<b>31%</b>
Jett (D)	50%	17%	67%	100%	42%	100%	<b>57%</b>
Johnson (D)	70%	67%	71%	100%	42%	100%	<b>67%</b>
Ladyman (R)	25%	0%	25%	50%	30%	0%	<b>24%</b>
Lampkin (D) ++	60%	50%	77%	50%	50%	100%	<b>65%</b>
Leding (D) ++	80%	67%	88%	100%	50%	100%	<b>78%</b>
Lemons (R)	67%	0%	32%	50%	33%	100%	<b>37%</b>
Linck (R)	50%	0%	46%	100%	25%	100%	<b>42%</b>
Love (D) ++	80%	75%	100%	50%	67%	100%	<b>83%</b>
Lowery (R)	40%	0%	19%	0%	33%	100%	<b>25%</b>
Lundstrum (R)	40%	25%	18%	0%	0%	100%	<b>21%</b>
Magie (D)	80%	100%	75%	100%	50%	100%	<b>77%</b>
Mayberry, J. (R)	40%	0%	75%	50%	42%	100%	<b>53%</b>
McElroy (D)	80%	67%	85%	100%	50%	100%	<b>77%</b>
McGill (D)	80%	50%	77%	50%	50%	100%	<b>68%</b>
McNair (R)	40%	0%	50%	100%	25%	100%	<b>43%</b>
Meeks, D. (R)	20%	0%	25%	50%	17%	100%	<b>23%</b>
Meeks, S. (R)	20%	0%	42%	50%	33%	100%	<b>34%</b>
Miller (R)	40%	0%	21%	50%	17%	0%	<b>22%</b>
Murdock (D)	80%	83%	77%	0%	58%	100%	<b>70%</b>
Neal (R)	40%	0%	36%	50%	25%	100%	<b>35%</b>
Nicks (D)	80%	67%	67%	100%	50%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Overbey (D)	40%	63%	79%	100%	50%	100%	<b>67%</b>
Payton (R)	40%	0%	33%	0%	33%	0%	<b>27%</b>
Petty (R)	40%	0%	33%	0%	17%	100%	<b>28%</b>
Pitch (R)	40%	0%	27%	50%	17%	100%	<b>29%</b>
Ratliff (D)	40%	67%	83%	50%	30%	100%	<b>63%</b>
Richey (D)	50%	50%	67%	100%	42%	100%	<b>60%</b>
Richmond (R)	40%	0%	25%	50%	33%	0%	<b>28%</b>
Rushing (R)	40%	0%	38%	50%	42%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Sabin (D) ++	90%	100%	88%	100%	50%	100%	<b>83%</b>
Scott (R)	40%	0%	42%	0%	33%	100%	<b>34%</b>
Shepherd (R) ++	40%	0%	67%	50%	17%	100%	<b>45%</b>
Smith, B. (R)	40%	0%	25%	50%	33%	0%	<b>28%</b>
Sorvillo (R)	40%	0%	25%	50%	33%	100%	<b>31%</b>
Speaks (R)	20%	0%	25%	0%	33%	0%	<b>21%</b>
Sturch (R)	30%	0%	46%	0%	25%	100%	<b>33%</b>
Sullivan (R)	40%	25%	25%	50%	17%	0%	<b>27%</b>
Talley (D)	50%	0%	92%	50%	50%	100%	<b>64%</b>
Tosh (R)	25%	0%	50%	100%	17%	0%	<b>36%</b>
Tucker (D)	80%	83%	96%	100%	42%	100%	<b>81%</b>

House	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Elec/Gov	Enviro	Health	TOTAL
Vaught (R)	50%	0%	45%	50%	17%	100%	38%
Vines (D)	50%	0%	88%	50%	33%	100%	59%
Walker (D)	80%	67%	88%	50%	75%	0%	77%
Wallace (R)	40%	0%	33%	50%	33%	0%	31%
Wardlaw (D)	30%	0%	71%	50%	17%	100%	43%
Whitaker, D. (D)	80%	83%	92%	100%	75%	100%	86%
Womack (R)	40%	13%	46%	0%	8%	0%	28%
Wright (D)	70%	0%	75%	50%	42%	100%	61%
Mr. Speaker (R)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Senate	Civil Rights	Economic	Education	Elec/Gov	Enviro	Health	TOTAL
Bledsoe (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	100%	35%
Burnett (D) ++	100%	83%	65%	100%	60%	100%	74%
Caldwell (R)	0%	0%	55%	0%	40%	100%	37%
Cheatham (D)	67%	83%	85%	100%	60%	100%	78%
Chesterfield (D)	100%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	89%
Clark (R)	17%	0%	50%	0%	40%	100%	37%
Collins-Smith (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	0%	30%
Cooper (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	100%	35%
Dismang (R)	0%	17%	70%	0%	50%	100%	48%
Elliott (D) ++	100%	67%	95%	100%	50%	100%	83%
English (R)	0%	17%	55%	0%	40%	100%	39%
Files (R) ++	17%	0%	65%	0%	40%	100%	43%
Flippo (R)	33%	0%	50%	0%	40%	0%	35%
Flowers (D)	50%	100%	75%	100%	40%	100%	70%
Hendren (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	100%	35%
Hester (R)	33%	0%	50%	0%	40%	100%	39%
Hickey (R)	0%	0%	60%	0%	40%	100%	39%
Hutchinson (R) ++	67%	33%	65%	100%	50%	100%	61%
Ingram (D)	100%	83%	80%	100%	70%	100%	83%
Irvin (R)	0%	0%	60%	0%	40%	100%	39%
Johnson, B. (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	0%	30%
Johnson, D. (D) ++	100%	83%	100%	100%	70%	0%	87%
King (R)	50%	0%	40%	100%	20%	0%	33%
Lindsey (D)	100%	83%	90%	100%	60%	100%	85%
Maloch (D)	33%	17%	65%	100%	60%	100%	57%
Pierce (D)	33%	33%	50%	100%	40%	100%	48%
Rapert (R)	0%	0%	60%	0%	40%	100%	39%
Rice (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	40%	0%	30%
Sample (R)	17%	0%	55%	100%	40%	100%	43%
Saunders (R)	33%	0%	50%	100%	40%	100%	43%
Stubblefield (R)	33%	33%	50%	0%	40%	0%	39%
Teague (D)	33%	17%	75%	100%	50%	100%	59%
Williams (R)	0%	0%	50%	0%	60%	100%	39%
Woods (R)	33%	0%	50%	100%	50%	100%	46%

# Civil Rights

## Priority

**Oppose all attempts at state-level immigration reform and oppose punitive anti-immigrant legislation.**

Success: No anti-immigrant legislation was filed!

## Priority

**Create an Arkansas Civil & Human Rights Commission.**

No bill creating a commission was filed, but:

### **HB 1950 – Leding – Died in House Judiciary**

Adds to the non-discrimination provisions of the Arkansas Civil Rights Act the right to be free from discrimination because of sexual orientation or gender identity.



*CFC press conference against HB1228.*

## Other Civil Rights Bills:

### **HB 1119 – Love – Died in House State Agencies**

Eliminates the dual status of the state holiday celebrating Robert E. Lee's birthday on the same day as the state holiday celebrating the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### **HB 1197 – Leding – Failed on House Floor**

The Fair Sentencing Act would have eliminated life sentences without the possibility of parole for people under the age of 18 in homicide cases.

### **HB 1203 (Act 828) – Hammer – Signed by Governor**

Stand your ground legislation. In defining the circumstances when a person may use deadly force, provides that the person is not required to retreat unless he or she could have retreated or surrendered possession of property 'in complete safety.'

### **HB 1228 – Ballinger – Recalled from Governor**

The bill title was the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, but legal and religious scholars agreed it was so broadly and badly written it would legalize discriminate against nearly every Arkansan. One of the defining bills of the session. Passed the House and Senate but was recalled from the Governor after he changed his mind in the face of large public outcry.

### **HB 1450 – Copeland – Died in Senate Judiciary**

Prison reform that would make it easier for inmates to get good time for certain achievements while incarcerated.

### **HB 1486 – Leding – Died in House Insurance & Commerce**

Gives renters some basic rights including minimum maintenance standards and reasonable limits on when a landlord can enter your home.

## Priority

**Prison Reform & Judicial Equality for Mental Health.**

### **SB 472 (Act 895) – Hutchinson – Signed by Governor**

The Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2015. We supported this bill because it established the Behavioral Health Treatment Task Force which will make recommendations to ensure that persons in the criminal justice system with behavioral health needs have access to treatment.

### **HB 1614 – Collins – Died in Senate Judiciary**

This bill would have exempted employers from the Arkansas Civil Rights Act, which prohibits mistreatment based on religion, race, gender, disability and ethnicity.

### **HB 1814 – Love – Failed in House Insurance & Commerce**

Repeals criminal penalties for failure to pay rent. Arkansas is the only state where you can go to jail for being late on your rent. This bill would have stopped this practice.

### **SB 202 (Act 137) – Hester – Law Without Signature**

Prohibits local governments from passing anti-discrimination laws not already covered by the state. Local ordinances are made because state law gives no remedy other than lawsuits, is very hard to enforce and does not protect everyone.

### **SB 298 – Burnett – Died in Senate**

Repeals the death penalty for capital murder.

### **SB 604 – Elliott – Failed on Senate Floor**

Requires a racial impact statement for bills that create or change a misdemeanor or felony offense. It would be an important step toward addressing large racial disparities in prison sentences and populations.



House	HB1197	HB1228	HB1450	HB1614	SB202	SB604	Civil Rights
Armstrong, C. (D)	✓	✓	✓	×	✓		80%
Armstrong, E. (D)	P	✓	✓	P	✓		70%
Baine (D)	✓	×	✓	×	P		50%
Ballinger (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Baltz (D)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Beck (R)	✓	×	P	E	×		25%
Bell (R)	✓	×	P	×	×		20%
Bennett (D)	P	✓	P	×	✓		40%
Bentley (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Blake (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		90%
Boyd (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Bragg (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Branscum (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Broadway (D)	P	✓	✓	×	✓		60%
Brown (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Collins (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Copeland (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Cozart (R)	P	×	✓	×	×		20%
Davis (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Deffenbaugh (R)	✓	P	✓	×	P		60%
Della Rosa (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Dotson (R)	✓	×	P	×	×		20%
Douglas, C. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Douglas, D. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	P		50%
Drown (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Eads (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Eaves (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Eubanks (R)	✓	×	✓	×	P		50%
Farrer (R)	P	×	✓	×	×		20%
Ferguson, D. (D)	×	P	✓	×	✓		50%
Ferguson, K. (D)	✓	✓	✓	P	P		80%
Fielding (D)	×	✓	✓	P	P		60%
Fite, C. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Fite, L. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Flowers, V. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Gates (R)	✓	×	✓	×	E		50%
Gonzales (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Gossage (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Gray, M.J. (D)	✓	×	✓	×	✓		60%
Gray, M. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Hammer (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Harris (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Henderson (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Hendren, K. (R)	✓	×	✓	×	×		40%
Hickerson (R)	P	×	✓	×	P		30%
Hillman (D)	P	×	✓	×	P		30%

House	HB1197	HB1228	HB1450	HB1614	SB202	SB604	Civil Rights
Hodges, G. (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Hodges, M. (D)	✓	✓	✓	E	P		88%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✗	✓	P	✗		50%
House (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Jean (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Jett (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	P		50%
Johnson (D)	✓	P	✓	✗	✓		70%
Ladyman (R)	✓	✗	E	✗	✗		25%
Lampkin (D) ++	✓	P	✓	✗	P		60%
Leding (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Lemons (R)	✓	E	✓	✗	E		67%
Linck (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	P		50%
Love (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Lowery (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Lundstrum (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Mayberry, J. (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
McGill (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
McNair (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Meeks, D. (R)	✓	✗	P	✗	✗		20%
Meeks, S. (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗		20%
Miller (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Murdock (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Neal (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Nicks (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Overbey (D)	P	P	✓	✗	P		40%
Payton (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Petty (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Pitch (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Richey (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	P		50%
Richmond (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Rushing (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		90%
Scott (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Shepherd (R) ++	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Smith, B. (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Sorvillo (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Speaks (R)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		20%
Sturch (R)	P	✗	✓	✗	P		30%
Sullivan (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Talley (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	P		50%
Tosh (R)	E	✗	✓	✗	✗		25%
Tucker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%

House	HB1197	HB1228	HB1450	HB1614	SB202	SB604	Civil Rights
Vaught (R)	✓	✗	✓	P	✗		50%
Vines (D)	✓	✗	✓	✗	P		50%
Walker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Wallace (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	✗	✗	✗	P		30%
Whitaker, D. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		80%
Womack (R)	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%
Wright (D)	✓	P	✓	✗	✓		70%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	P	P	P		—

Senate	HB1197	HB1228	HB1450	HB1614	SB202	SB604	Civil Rights
Bledsoe (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Burnett (D) ++		✓			✓	✓	100%
Caldwell (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Cheatham (D)		✗			✓	✓	67%
Chesterfield (D)		✓			✓	✓	100%
Clark (R)		✗			P	P	17%
Collins-Smith (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Cooper (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Dismang (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Elliott (D) ++		✓			✓	✓	100%
English (R)		✗			✗	✗	0%
Files (R) ++		✗			P	P	17%
Flippo (R)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Flowers (D)		P			✓	P	50%
Hendren (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Hester (R)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Hickey (R)		✗			✗	✗	0%
Hutchinson (R) ++		✓			✗	✓	67%
Ingram (D)		✓			✓	✓	100%
Irvin (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Johnson, B. (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Johnson, D. (D) ++		✓			✓	✓	100%
King (R)		P			✗	✓	50%
Lindsey (D)		✓			✓	✓	100%
Maloch (D)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Pierce (D)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Rapert (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Rice (R)		✗			✗	P	0%
Sample (R)		P			✗	P	17%
Saunders (R)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Stubblefield (R)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Teague (D)		✗			✗	✓	33%
Williams (R)		✗			✗	✗	0%
Woods (R)		✗			✗	✓	33%

# Economic Justice & Development

## Priority

**Address wage theft, raise the minimum wage and implement worker safeguards and reforms.**

### HB 1276 – Leding – Failed in House Public Health, Welfare & Labor

Requires employers of four or more employees to provide a detailed pay stub to each employee at least once per month to fight wage theft.

### HB 1277 – Leding – Died in House Public Health, Welfare & Labor

Requires employers to pay wages they concede to be due to an employee in a dispute over wages to help speed resolution of wage theft claims.

## Other Economic Justice & Development Bills:

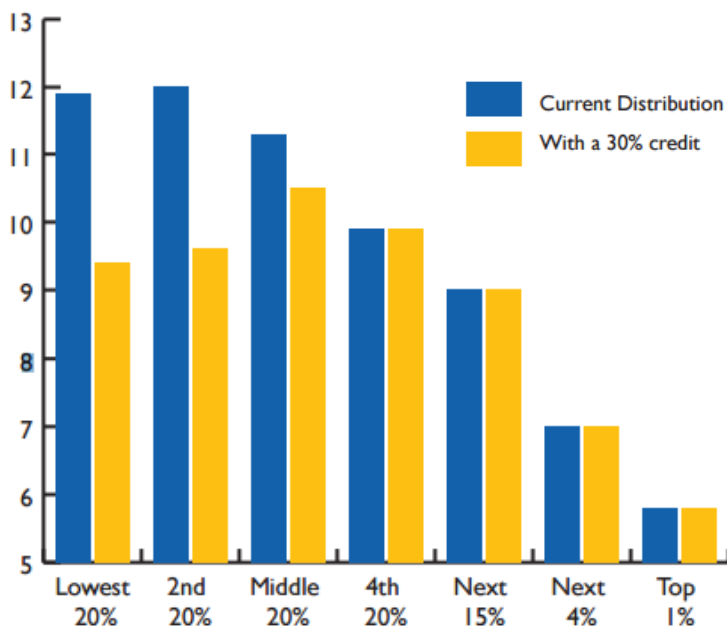
### HB 1158 – Womack – Died in House

This bill would have weakened professional licensure standards and make it harder to ensure that plumbers, architects, electricians, etc. are qualified to do work for you.

### HB 1275 – Leding – Died in House Revenue & Tax

Create economic opportunities for families by providing an income tax credit of up to \$4,000 per employee for employers providing paid family and medical leave.

*Percent of income paid in state and local taxes currently, and with a 30% Earned Income Tax Credit.*



## Priority

**Support a sound state budget, and fair tax reform and Renewal of the Private Option Insurance Program.**

See Public Health, pg 26, for the Private Option vote.

### HB 1344 – Sabin – Died in House Revenue & Tax

Creates a state income tax credit for taxpayers based on a percentage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit a taxpayer is eligible for. This was the only tax proposal that would have helped low income working Arkansans who pay the highest taxes in the state.

### HB 1346 – Douglas, D. – Withdrawn

Highway robbery bill would have diverted general revenue from vital programs like education and health-care to the Highway Department for road and highway construction.

### HB 1402 (Act 1173) – Shepherd – Signed by Governor

Exempts 50% of capital gains from taxation. Exempts all net capital gains made after January 1, 2014 over \$10,000,000 from income tax. 40% of Arkansans got no tax relief at all this session. This overwhelmingly benefits the top 1% while limiting the states ability to fund priorities like Pre-K, after school, libraries and health clinics.

### HB 1468 (Act 389) – Womack – Signed by Governor

Allows for public employees to have paternity or maternity leave after birth of a child. Also applies to adoption of a child or placement of a foster child.

### HB 1489 (Act 412) – Jean – Signed by Governor

Cut unemployment benefits by 20% with no good justification.

### SB 600 (Act 1205) – Johnson, B. – Signed by Governor

Creates an ineffective and expensive state drug testing program for applicants to certain welfare benefit programs.





House	HB1158	HB1402	HB1489	SB600	Economic
Armstrong, C. (D)		✓	✓	P	83%
Armstrong, E. (D)		✓	P	P	67%
Baine (D)		x	x	x	0%
Ballinger (R)		x	x	x	0%
Baltz (D)		✓	✓	x	67%
Beck (R)		x	P	x	17%
Bell (R)		x	x	P	17%
Bennett (D)		P	x	P	33%
Bentley (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Blake (D)		✓	✓	✓	100%
Boyd (R)	✓	x	x	x	25%
Bragg (R)	✓	x	x	x	25%
Branscum (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Broadaway (D)		P	P	x	33%
Brown (R)		x	x	x	0%
Collins (R)		x	x	x	0%
Copeland (R)		x	x	x	0%
Cozart (R)		x	x	x	0%
Davis (R)		x	x	x	0%
Deffenbaugh (R)		x	x	x	0%
Della Rosa (R)		x	x	x	0%
Dotson (R)		x	x	x	0%
Douglas, C. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Douglas, D. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Drown (R)		x	x	x	0%
Eads (R)		x	x	x	0%
Eaves (R)		x	x	x	0%
Eubanks (R)		P	x	x	17%
Farrer (R)		x	x	x	0%
Ferguson, D. (D)	✓	x	P	x	38%
Ferguson, K. (D)		P	P	P	50%
Fielding (D)		✓	P	✓	83%
Fite, C. (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Fite, L. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Flowers, V. (D)		✓	✓	✓	100%
Gates (R)		x	x	P	17%
Gonzales (R)		x	x	x	0%
Gossage (R)		P	x	✓	50%
Gray, M.J. (D)		P	x	P	33%
Gray, M. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Hammer (R)	P	x	x	x	13%
Harris (R)		x	x	x	0%
Henderson (R)	✓	x	x	x	25%
Hendren, K. (R)		✓	x	x	33%
Hickerson (R)		x	x	P	17%
Hillman (D)		x	x	x	0%

House	HB1158	HB1402	HB1489	SB600	Economic
Hodges, G. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Hodges, M. (D)		P	P	✓	67%
Holcomb (D)		x	x	x	0%
House (R)		x	x	x	0%
Jean (R)		x	x	x	0%
Jett (D)		x	P	x	17%
Johnson (D)		✓	x	✓	67%
Ladyman (R)		x	x	x	0%
Lampkin (D) ++		P	✓	x	50%
Leding (D) ++		P	P	✓	67%
Lemons (R)		x	x	x	0%
Linck (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Love (D) ++	P	✓	✓	P	75%
Lowery (R)		x	x	x	0%
Lundstrum (R)	✓	x	x	x	25%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mayberry, J. (R)		x	x	x	0%
McElroy (D)		✓	x	✓	67%
McGill (D)		P	P	P	50%
McNair (R)		x	x	x	0%
Meeks, D. (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Meeks, S. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Miller (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Murdock (D)		✓	✓	P	83%
Neal (R)		x	x	E	0%
Nicks (D)		P	P	✓	67%
Overbey (D)	✓	P	P	P	63%
Payton (R)	x	x	x	x	0%
Petty (R)		x	x	x	0%
Pitch (R)		x	x	x	0%
Ratliff (D)		✓	✓	x	67%
Richey (D)	x	P	✓	P	50%
Richmond (R)		x	x	x	0%
Rushing (R)		x	x	x	0%
Sabin (D) ++		✓	✓	✓	100%
Scott (R)		x	x	x	0%
Shepherd (R) ++		x	x	x	0%
Smith, B. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Sorvillo (R)		x	x	x	0%
Speaks (R)		x	x	x	0%
Sturch (R)		x	x	x	0%
Sullivan (R)	x	x	x	✓	25%
Talley (D)		x	x	x	0%
Tosh (R)		x	x	x	0%
Tucker (D)		✓	P	✓	83%

House	HB1158	HB1402	HB1489	SB600	Economic
Vaught (R)		x	x	x	0%
Vines (D)		x	x	x	0%
Walker (D)		✓	P	P	67%
Wallace (R)		x	x	x	0%
Wardlaw (D)	x	x	x	x	0%
Whitaker, D. (D)		✓	P	✓	83%
Womack (R)	x	P	x	x	13%
Wright (D)		x	x	E	0%
Mr. Speaker (R)		P	P	P	—
Senate	HB1158	HB1402	HB1489	SB600	Economic
Bledsoe (R)		x	x	x	0%
Burnett (D) ++		✓	P	✓	83%
Caldwell (R)		x	x	x	0%
Cheatham (D)		✓	✓	P	83%
Chesterfield (D)		✓	✓	✓	100%
Clark (R)		x	x	x	0%
Collins-Smith (R)		x	x	x	0%
Cooper (R)		x	x	x	0%
Dismang (R)		x	x	P	17%
Elliott (D) ++		✓	P	P	67%
English (R)		P	x	x	17%
Files (R) ++		x	x	x	0%
Flippo (R)		x	x	x	0%
Flowers (D)		✓	✓	✓	100%
Hendren (R)		x	x	x	0%
Hester (R)		x	x	x	0%
Hickey (R)		x	x	x	0%
Hutchinson (R) ++		x	P	P	33%
Ingram (D)		✓	✓	P	83%
Irvin (R)		x	x	x	0%
Johnson, B. (R)		x	x	x	0%
Johnson, D. (D) ++		✓	✓	P	83%
King (R)		x	x	x	0%
Lindsey (D)		✓	✓	P	83%
Maloch (D)		x	P	x	17%
Pierce (D)		x	✓	x	33%
Rapert (R)		x	x	x	0%
Rice (R)		x	x	x	0%
Sample (R)		x	x	x	0%
Saunders (R)		x	x	x	0%
Stubblefield (R)		✓	x	x	33%
Teague (D)		x	P	x	17%
Williams (R)		x	x	x	0%
Woods (R)		x	x	x	0%

# Education

## Priority

Improve opportunities to learn for all students with research proven education reforms.

**HB 1255 (Act 410) – Broadaway – Signed by Governor &**

**HB 1256 (Act 931) – Broadaway – Signed by Governor**  
Improves support for high school students with intellectual disabilities to participate in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs at institutions of higher education.

**HB 1377 (Act 1240) – Murdock – Signed by Governor**  
Lowers education standards for public schools in districts with charter schools.

**HB 1485 (Act 839) – Lampkin – Signed by Governor**  
Creates a Legislative Task Force on the Best Practices for Special Education in Arkansas.

**HB 1515 – Leding – Failed on House Floor**  
Improves parental involvement by holding an open community forum during school district accreditation review.

**HB 1516 – Leding – Failed on House Floor**  
Would ensure open access to charter schools through enrollment lotteries.

**HB 1552 (Act 1178) – House – Signed by Governor**  
Awards vouchers to students with special needs to attend unproven private schools.

**HB 1567 – Armstrong, E. – Died in Joint Budget**  
Would have funded an afterschool and summer program proven to boost learning for low income children. Was left out of the budget in favor of tax cuts for the wealthy.

**HB 1605 – Tucker – Failed on House Floor**  
Strengthens transparency when the state takes over a school district, and makes contracts for services in the district subject to FOIA.

**HB 1623 (Act 1087) – Cozart – Signed by Governor**  
Increases the state's minimum teacher salary schedule.

**HB 1733 – Cozart – Died in House Education**  
Would have allowed public schools in academic distress to be permanently given to private charter corporations despite a lack of evidence they are effective. Schools in academic distress need proven reforms instead of ideological experiments.

**SB 5 (Act 1105) – Hickey – Signed by Governor**  
Makes lottery scholarships harder to get and smaller for many students who may find college unaffordable.

**SB 76 – Hester – Failed in House Education**  
Allows a public school to exceed maximum class size.

**SB 212 (Act 1260) – Elliott – Signed by Governor**  
Creates alternative pathways for underachieving students to re-engage and get a high school diploma.

**SB 325 (Act 853) – Clark – Signed by Governor**  
Lowers minimum curriculum standards to allow schools to not offer the 38 required courses for graduation each semester. This could lead to students being pressured not to take some courses needed for their academic success.

**SB 378 (Act 436) – Pierce – Signed by Governor**  
\$1 million for breakfast programs in public schools.

**SB 712 (Act 807) – Elliott – Signed by Governor**  
\$3 million for the Arkansas Better Chance Pre-K Program over the next 2 years.

**SB 789 (Act 739) – Hendren – Signed by Governor**  
Allows state money for charter schools despite a lack of evidence they are effective.

**SB 851 – Elliott – Referred to Interim Study**  
Would have ensured that schools spend NSLA funds on proven methods of boosting learning for low income students.

**HJR 1013 – Bell – Died in Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments**  
A proposed constitutional amendment limiting percentage of state funds that can be spent on public education. Would have reduced investments in public schools.



*Regina VonTungeln speaking against school privatization.*



House	HB1377	HB1485	HB1515	HB1516	HB1605	HB1623	SB5	SB76	SB212	SB325	SB378	SB712	SB789	Edu
Armstrong, C. (D)	P	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	P	81%
Armstrong, E. (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	88%
Baine (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		E	x	✓	✓	x	64%
Ballinger (R)	x	P	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	x	P	x	8%
Baltz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	P	88%
Beck (R)	x	✓	E	E	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	40%
Bell (R)	x	P	P	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	x	x	P	x	15%
Bennett (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	x	✓	✓	x	75%
Bentley (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Blake (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	x	79%
Boyd (R)	x	✓	P	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Bragg (R)	x	✓	P	P	P	P	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Branscum (R)	x	✓	P	✓	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	58%
Broadaway (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	✓	83%
Brown (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Collins (R)	x	P	P	✓	x	✓	x		✓	P	✓	✓	x	46%
Copeland (R)	P	✓	x	x	x	✓	✓		P	P	✓	P	x	42%
Cozart (R)	x	✓	P	P	x	✓	x	P	✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Davis (R)	x	P	P	P	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	P	x	33%
Deffenbaugh (R)	E	✓	x	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	58%
Della Rosa (R)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	67%
Dotson (R)	x	P	x	x	P	✓	x		✓	x	P	P	x	17%
Douglas, C. (R)	x	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	P	✓	P	58%
Douglas, D. (R)	x	P	P	✓	P	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Drown (R)	✓	x	x	x	x	✓	✓		x	x	✓	✓	✓	50%
Eads (R)	P	✓	x	x	x	P	x		✓	x	✓	✓	P	42%
Eaves (R)	P	✓	x	P	P	✓	P		✓	P	✓	✓	x	54%
Eubanks (R)	P	E	✓	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	P	✓	✓	x	50%
Farrer (R)	P	P	✓	✓	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	54%
Ferguson, D. (D)	x	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	x	67%
Ferguson, K. (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	P	79%
Fielding (D)	P	✓	P	P	P	P	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	✓	58%
Fite, C. (R)	x	✓	x	x	P	P	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Fite, L. (R)	✓	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Flowers, V. (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	P	83%
Gates (R)	x	P	x	x	P	✓	x		P	x	P	✓	x	17%
Gonzales (R)	P	P	P	P	P	✓	x		✓	x	P	✓	P	33%
Gossage (R)	x	✓	✓	P	E	✓	E	x	✓	x	✓	P	x	50%
Gray, M.J. (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	81%
Gray, M. (R)	x	✓	x	x	P	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Hammer (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Harris (R)	x	P	x	x	x	✓	x	x	P	x	P	P	x	8%
Henderson (R)	x	✓	x	x	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Hendren, K. (R)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	58%
Hickerson (R)	P	✓	P	✓	x	P	x		✓	x	P	✓	x	38%
Hillman (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	x		✓	x	✓	✓	P	67%

House	HB1377	HB1485	HB1515	HB1516	HB1605	HB1623	SB5	SB76	SB212	SB325	SB378	SB712	SB789	Edu
Hodges, G. (R)	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	46%
Hodges, M. (D)	x	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	x	75%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓	P	P	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	58%
House (R)	x	✓	P	P	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Jean (R)	P	P	P	✓	P	P	x		✓	P	P	✓	x	33%
Jett (D)	P	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	P	67%
Johnson (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	x	71%
Ladyman (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	P	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Lampkin (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	P	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	P	77%
Leding (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	P	88%
Lemons (R)	P	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	E	✓	x	32%
Linck (R)	P	✓	P	P	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	46%
Love (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lowery (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x	P	P	x	x	P	x	19%
Lundstrum (R)	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	E	✓	x	18%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	75%
Mayberry, J. (R)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	75%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	85%
McGill (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	P		✓	P	✓	✓	P	77%
McNair (R)	x	✓	x	✓	P	✓	x		✓	x	P	✓	✓	50%
Meeks, D. (R)	x	P	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	x	✓	x	25%
Meeks, S. (R)	x	✓	P	P	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Miller (R)	x	✓	x	P	P	✓	x		P	x	P	P	P	21%
Murdock (D)	x	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	P	77%
Neal (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		P	E	✓	✓	x	36%
Nicks (D)	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	x	67%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	P		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	79%
Payton (R)	x	P	x	x	P	✓	x		✓	x	✓	P	✓	33%
Petty (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Pitch (R)	x	P	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	E	✓	x	27%
Ratliff (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	E	x	✓	✓	✓	83%
Richey (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	67%
Richmond (R)	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Rushing (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	P		P	x	✓	✓	x	38%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	88%
Scott (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	42%
Shepherd (R) ++	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	67%
Smith, B. (R)	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Sorvillo (R)	x	✓	x	x	P	✓	x		P	x	P	✓	x	25%
Speaks (R)	x	x	x	x	x	✓	x		x	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Sturch (R)	✓	✓	P	P	P	✓	P		P	x	✓	✓	x	46%
Sullivan (R)	x	x	x	x	x	P	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	25%
Talley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	92%
Tosh (R)	x	✓	x	x	✓	✓	x		✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Tucker (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	P	✓	✓	✓	96%

House	HB1377	HB1485	HB1515	HB1516	HB1605	HB1623	SB5	SB76	SB212	SB325	SB378	SB712	SB789	Edu
Vaught (R)	E	P	P	x	P	✓	P		✓	x	✓	✓	P	45%
Vines (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x		✓	P	✓	✓	✓	88%
Walker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	P	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	88%
Wallace (R)	x	✓	x	x	x	✓	x		P	x	✓	✓	x	33%
Wardlaw (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	x		✓	P	P	✓	✓	71%
Whitaker, D. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	x	✓	✓	✓	92%
Womack (R)	x	✓	P	✓	P	✓	x		✓	x	P	✓	P	46%
Wright (D)	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P		✓	P	✓	✓	x	75%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	—
<b>Senate</b>	<b>HB1377</b>	<b>HB1485</b>	<b>HB1515</b>	<b>HB1516</b>	<b>HB1605</b>	<b>HB1623</b>	<b>SB5</b>	<b>SB76</b>	<b>SB212</b>	<b>SB325</b>	<b>SB378</b>	<b>SB712</b>	<b>SB789</b>	<b>Edu</b>
Bledsoe (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Burnett (D) ++	P	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	65%
Caldwell (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	P	55%
Cheatham (D)	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	85%
Chesterfield (D)	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	100%
Clark (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Collins-Smith (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Cooper (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Dismang (R)	P	✓				✓	x	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	x	70%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	P	95%
English (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	P	✓	✓	x	55%
Files (R) ++	P	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	65%
Flippo (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Flowers (D)	✓	✓				✓	✓	P	P	x	✓	✓	✓	75%
Hendren (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Hester (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Hickey (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	60%
Hutchinson (R) ++	x	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	P	65%
Ingram (D)	x	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	80%
Irvin (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	P	✓	✓	x	60%
Johnson, B. (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Johnson, D. (D) ++	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	100%
King (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	P	P	P	P	40%
Lindsey (D)	✓	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	P	✓	✓	✓	90%
Maloch (D)	x	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	P	65%
Pierce (D)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Rapert (R)	x	✓				✓	x	✓	✓	x	✓	✓	x	60%
Rice (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Sample (R)	P	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	55%
Saunders (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Stubblefield (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Teague (D)	✓	✓				✓	✓	x	✓	x	✓	✓	P	75%
Williams (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%
Woods (R)	x	✓				✓	x	x	✓	x	✓	✓	x	50%

# Election & Government Reform

## Priority

**Fair Election Reform to increase standards and transparency in elections.**

### **SB 349 – Clark – Withdrawn**

Cuts early voting days from 15 to 6 and prohibits early voting on the Monday prior to an election.

### **HJR 1007 – Lowery – Died in Joint Committee on Constitutional Amendments**

Unnecessary and discriminatory voter ID requirement.

### **SJR 7 – King – Died in Senate State Agencies**

Unnecessary and discriminatory voter ID requirement.



*(Above) CFC Co-Chair William El-Amin being interviewed by KUAR at one of the CFC Advocacy Days, which brought hundreds of people to the Capitol during the legislative session (Below).*

## Other Election & Government Reform Bills:

### **HB 1233 – Della Rosa – Failed on House Floor**

Improves campaign finance transparency by requiring candidates to file campaign financial information online in a searchable form.

### **HB 1425 – Tucker – Failed on Senate Floor**

Improves campaign finance transparency by classifying money spent on political commercials featuring a candidate or party a contribution to the candidate or political party.

### **HJR 1011 – Davis – Withdrawn**

Tort reform. This amendment would have made it more difficult for people harmed by others to get access to the courts and just compensation.



House	HB1233	HB1425	Elec/Gov
Armstrong, C. (D)	x	✓	50%
Armstrong, E. (D)	x	✓	50%
Baine (D)	✓	✓	100%
Ballinger (R)	x	P	0%
Baltz (D)	P	✓	50%
Beck (R)	✓	P	50%
Bell (R)	x	P	0%
Bennett (D)	✓	✓	100%
Bentley (R)	✓	P	50%
Blake (D)	✓	✓	100%
Boyd (R)	✓	✓	100%
Bragg (R)	✓	P	50%
Branscum (R)	P	P	0%
Broadaway (D)	✓	✓	100%
Brown (R)	✓	P	50%
Collins (R)	✓	P	50%
Copeland (R)	x	P	0%
Cozart (R)	x	x	0%
Davis (R)	✓	P	50%
Deffenbaugh (R)	x	x	0%
Della Rosa (R)	✓	✓	100%
Dotson (R)	P	P	0%
Douglas, C. (R)	P	P	0%
Douglas, D. (R)	P	P	0%
Drown (R)	✓	✓	100%
Eads (R)	✓	✓	100%
Eaves (R)	P	P	0%
Eubanks (R)	✓	✓	100%
Farrer (R)	✓	x	50%
Ferguson, D. (D)	✓	✓	100%
Ferguson, K. (D)	✓	✓	100%
Fielding (D)	x	P	0%
Fite, C. (R)	P	P	0%
Fite, L. (R)	✓	✓	100%
Flowers, V. (D)	✓	✓	100%
Gates (R)	x	x	0%
Gonzales (R)	x	x	0%
Gossage (R)	P	P	0%
Gray, M.J. (D)	P	✓	50%
Gray, M. (R)	✓	✓	100%
Hammer (R)	✓	x	50%
Harris (R)	✓	x	50%
Henderson (R)	P	✓	50%
Hendren, K. (R)	x	x	0%
Hickerson (R)	✓	✓	100%
Hillman (D)	x	✓	50%

House	HB1233	HB1425	Elec/Gov
Hodges, G. (R)	✓	✓	100%
Hodges, M. (D)	✓	✓	100%
Holcomb (D)	✓	✓	100%
House (R)	✗	P	0%
Jean (R)	✗	P	0%
Jett (D)	✓	✓	100%
Johnson (D)	✓	✓	100%
Ladyman (R)	✓	✗	50%
Lampkin (D) ++	✓	P	50%
Leding (D) ++	✓	✓	100%
Lemons (R)	✗	✓	50%
Linck (R)	✓	✓	100%
Love (D) ++	P	✓	50%
Lowery (R)	✗	✗	0%
Lundstrum (R)	P	P	0%
Magie (D)	✓	✓	100%
Mayberry, J. (R)	✓	✗	50%
McElroy (D)	✓	✓	100%
McGill (D)	P	✓	50%
McNair (R)	✓	✓	100%
Meeks, D. (R)	✗	✓	50%
Meeks, S. (R)	✗	✓	50%
Miller (R)	✓	P	50%
Murdock (D)	P	P	0%
Neal (R)	✓	P	50%
Nicks (D)	✓	✓	100%
Overbey (D)	✓	✓	100%
Payton (R)	✗	✗	0%
Petty (R)	P	P	0%
Pitch (R)	✗	✓	50%
Ratliff (D)	✗	✓	50%
Richey (D)	✓	✓	100%
Richmond (R)	✗	✓	50%
Rushing (R)	✗	✓	50%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	✓	100%
Scott (R)	✗	P	0%
Shepherd (R) ++	✓	P	50%
Smith, B. (R)	✗	✓	50%
Sorvillo (R)	P	✓	50%
Speaks (R)	✗	✗	0%
Sturch (R)	P	P	0%
Sullivan (R)	✗	✓	50%
Talley (D)	✗	✓	50%
Tosh (R)	✓	✓	100%
Tucker (D)	✓	✓	100%



House	HB1233	HB1425	Elec/Gov
Vaught (R)	x	✓	50%
Vines (D)	✓	P	50%
Walker (D)	x	✓	50%
Wallace (R)	x	✓	50%
Wardlaw (D)	x	✓	50%
Whitaker, D. (D)	✓	✓	100%
Womack (R)	P	x	0%
Wright (D)	x	✓	50%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	—

Senate	HB1233	HB1425	Elec/Gov
Bledsoe (R)		P	0%
Burnett (D) ++		✓	100%
Caldwell (R)		P	0%
Cheatham (D)		✓	100%
Chesterfield (D)		✓	100%
Clark (R)		P	0%
Collins-Smith (R)		x	0%
Cooper (R)		P	0%
Dismang (R)		P	0%
Elliott (D) ++		✓	100%
English (R)		x	0%
Files (R) ++		P	0%
Flippo (R)		x	0%
Flowers (D)		✓	100%
Hendren (R)		P	0%
Hester (R)		x	0%
Hickey (R)		P	0%
Hutchinson (R) ++		✓	100%
Ingram (D)		✓	100%
Irvin (R)		x	0%
Johnson, B. (R)		P	0%
Johnson, D. (D) ++		✓	100%
King (R)		✓	100%
Lindsey (D)		✓	100%
Maloch (D)		✓	100%
Pierce (D)		✓	100%
Rapert (R)		P	0%
Rice (R)		P	0%
Sample (R)		✓	100%
Saunders (R)		✓	100%
Stubblefield (R)		x	0%
Teague (D)		✓	100%
Williams (R)		P	0%
Woods (R)		✓	100%

# Environment

## Priority

### Reform eminent domain to protect citizens.

#### HB 1809 – Douglas, C. – Died in House Insurance & Commerce

Would improve eminent domain laws by authorizing the owner of property subject to condemnation by a public utility to require the utility to condemn other owned, adjacent property that is commercially viable as an alternative.

#### HB 1870 – Sabin – Died in House Insurance & Commerce

Would reform eminent domain laws to give landowners more rights when oil companies seek to take their land.

### Other Environment Bills:

#### HB 1004 (Act 827) – Meeks, S. – Signed by Governor

Requires utility companies to carry-over any net excess generation credits from net-metering customers. Allows customer to purchase credits that are at least 24 months old. Authorizes PSC to allow net-metering facilities that exceed 300 kW.

#### HB 1067 (Act 335) – Collins – Signed by Governor

Allows the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to establish a nutrient water quality trading system which may involve credits, offsets and exchanges. Creates advisory panel to oversee it. Impact of this bill will depend greatly on how it is implemented.

#### HB 1701 – Sabin – Died in House Agriculture, Forestry & Economic Development

Would improve landowner notification of applications for new pollution permits.

#### HB 1730 – Bell – Recalled by House

Would weaken separation of powers by giving the legislature power to review government agency rules. Limits rules to 36 years without legislative approval. Most of the rules affected would weaken many environmental protections.

#### SB 613 (Act 898) – Irvin – Signed by Governor

Improves water quality by preventing pollution from the Unpaved Roads Program.

#### SB 737 – King – Died in Senate Insurance & Commerce

Requires public utilities filing for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to send a written notice to all property owners in the proposed route at least 90 days prior to the filing date, and adds environmental impact posting.



## Priority

### Support energy efficiency and renewable energy reforms that reduce carbon pollution, save consumers money and create jobs.

#### HB 1885 – Sabin – Died in Joint Energy

Would strengthen Arkansas green energy economy by requiring utility companies to buy power generated by renewable energy entrepreneurs.

#### SB 183 (Act 382) – Williams – Signed by Governor

Weakens Arkansas' ability to limit carbon dioxide pollution that causes climate change. Increases the odds that a federal plan will be imposed on Arkansas. Weakens our green energy economy.

#### SB 869 (Act 1275) – Johnson, D. – Signed by Governor

Promotes energy efficiency by giving local governments ability to enter contracts for energy efficiency projects.

## Priority

### Develop a new State Water Plan that uses the best science and engages a broad range of Arkansans.

The Arkansas Water Plan has been approved by the Governor's office. The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission is now scheduling hearings to move the plan toward final adoption.

#### SB 757 (Act 1002) – Hendren – Signed by Governor

Requires state and local governments to give tax dollars to developers and businesses to follow Arkansas and local laws. Weakens ability of state and local governments to create health, environmental, safety and zoning protections. The bill was amended heavily to limit its impact.

#### SB 778 (Act 906) – Maloch – Signed by Governor

Weakens public input by removing the required public hearing for any new oil and gas rules.

House	HB1730	SB183	SB613	SB757	SB778	SB869	Enviro
Armstrong, C. (D)	P	x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Armstrong, E. (D)	P	✓	E	P	x	P	40%
Baine (D)	x	x	P	x	x	E	0%
Ballinger (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Baltz (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%
Beck (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	✓	42%
Bell (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Bennett (D)	P	x	P	x	x	✓	25%
Bentley (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Blake (D)	x	P	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Boyd (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Bragg (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	✓	42%
Branscum (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	✓	42%
Broadway (D)	P	x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Brown (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Collins (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Copeland (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Cozart (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Davis (R)	P	x	✓	x	x	P	25%
Deffenbaugh (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Della Rosa (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Dotson (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Douglas, C. (R)	x	x	✓	x	P	✓	42%
Douglas, D. (R)	P	x	✓	P	x	x	33%
Drown (R)	✓	x	✓	x	P	x	42%
Eads (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Eaves (R)	P	x	✓	x	x	P	25%
Eubanks (R)	x	x	P	x	x	P	0%
Farrer (R)	x	x	✓	P	P	✓	50%
Ferguson, D. (D)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Ferguson, K. (D)	x	x	✓	P	x	✓	42%
Fielding (D)	✓	P	✓	x	x	✓	58%
Fite, C. (R)	x	x	P	P	x	x	8%
Fite, L. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Flowers, V. (D)	P	P	✓	P	P	P	50%
Gates (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Gonzales (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Gossage (R)	P	x	✓	P	P	✓	58%
Gray, M.J. (D)	x	x	P	x	x	✓	17%
Gray, M. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Hammer (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	P	25%
Harris (R)	x	x	x	x	P	P	8%
Henderson (R)	x	E	✓	x	x	P	20%
Hendren, K. (R)	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Hickerson (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Hillman (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%

House	HB1730	SB183	SB613	SB757	SB778	SB869	Enviro
Hodges, G. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Hodges, M. (D)	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Holcomb (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%
House (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	P	25%
Jean (R)	P	x	✓	x	P	✓	50%
Jett (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%
Johnson (D)	x	x	✓	x	P	✓	42%
Ladyman (R)	P	x	E	x	x	✓	30%
Lampkin (D) ++	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Leding (D) ++	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Lemons (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Linck (R)	P	x	✓	x	x	P	25%
Love (D) ++	P	P	✓	P	P	✓	67%
Lowery (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Lundstrum (R)	x	x	x	x	x	x	0%
Magie (D)	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Mayberry, J. (R)	✓	x	✓	P	x	P	42%
McElroy (D)	✓	x	✓	x	x	✓	50%
McGill (D)	P	x	✓	x	P	✓	50%
McNair (R)	x	x	✓	P	x	P	25%
Meeks, D. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Meeks, S. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Miller (R)	x	x	P	P	P	P	17%
Murdock (D)	P	P	✓	x	P	✓	58%
Neal (R)	P	x	✓	x	x	P	25%
Nicks (D)	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Overbey (D)	P	P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Payton (R)	x	P	✓	x	P	x	33%
Petty (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Pitch (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Ratliff (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	E	30%
Richey (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%
Richmond (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Rushing (R)	x	x	✓	x	P	✓	42%
Sabin (D) ++	x	✓	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Scott (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Shepherd (R) ++	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Smith, B. (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Sorvillo (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Speaks (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Sturch (R)	P	x	✓	x	x	P	25%
Sullivan (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Talley (D)	P	x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Tosh (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	x	17%
Tucker (D)	x	x	✓	P	x	✓	42%

House	HB1730	SB183	SB613	SB757	SB778	SB869	Enviro
Vaught (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	P	17%
Vines (D)	P	x	P	P	x	✓	33%
Walker (D)	✓	x	✓	P	✓	✓	75%
Wallace (R)	x	x	✓	x	x	✓	33%
Wardlaw (D)	P	P	P	x	x	x	17%
Whitaker, D. (D)	P	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	75%
Womack (R)	x	P	P	x	x	P	8%
Wright (D)	P	x	✓	x	x	✓	42%
Mr. Speaker (R)	P	P	P	P	P	P	—

Senate	HB1730	SB183	SB613	SB757	SB778	SB869	Enviro
Bledsoe (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Burnett (D) ++		x	✓	✓	x	✓	60%
Caldwell (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Cheatham (D)		x	✓	✓	x	✓	60%
Chesterfield (D)		P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
Clark (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Collins-Smith (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Cooper (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Dismang (R)		x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Elliott (D) ++		P	✓	x	x	✓	50%
English (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Files (R) ++		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Flippo (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Flowers (D)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Hendren (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Hester (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Hickey (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Hutchinson (R) ++		x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Ingram (D)		P	✓	✓	x	✓	70%
Irvin (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Johnson, B. (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Johnson, D. (D) ++		P	✓	✓	x	✓	70%
King (R)		x	✓	x	x	P	20%
Lindsey (D)		x	✓	✓	x	✓	60%
Maloch (D)		x	✓	✓	x	✓	60%
Pierce (D)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Rapert (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Rice (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Sample (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Saunders (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Stubblefield (R)		x	✓	x	x	✓	40%
Teague (D)		x	✓	P	x	✓	50%
Williams (R)		x	✓	✓	x	✓	60%
Woods (R)		x	✓	P	x	✓	50%

# Public Health

## **SB 96 (Act 46) – Hendren – Signed by Governor**

Extends the Private Option health insurance program for 2 years. The Private Option provides the only access to quality healthcare for 250,000 Arkansans and is a national model of bipartisan compromise. Also created a task force to consider alternatives to the program in 2017.

Several bills were filed to end the Private Option health insurance program:

**HB 1181 – Copeland – Failed in House Public Health, Welfare & Labor**

**HB 1262 – Miller – Died in House Public Health, Welfare & Labor**

**HB 1311 – Gates – Died in House Public Health, Welfare & Labor**

**SB 144 – Collins-Smith – Failed in Senate Public Health, Welfare & Labor**

**SB 178 – Clark – Died in Senate Public Health, Welfare & Labor**

**SB 312 – Clark – Failed in Senate**



*600 people from organizations across the state gathered at the Capitol in 2013 to support health care expansion.*



## Health Care Expansion

The 90th General Assembly voted for passage of the Private Option, Arkansas' unique approach to Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, through 2016 and created a legislative task force to look at alternatives.

This plan keeps the private option in place while the federal government pays the full cost and ensures 250,000 hard working Arkansans have access to quality health care for the next two years. It also preserves our rural and public healthcare facilities while creating jobs and saving the state nearly \$100 million. If the state keeps the private option or some other form of Medicaid expansion after next year, it will be required to pay 5 percent of the expansion's cost in 2017 and 10 percent by 2020.

The task force is required to issue its recommendations by the end of the year and Governor Hutchinson has said he thinks a special session will likely be needed to address their recommendations. The Governor also stated that continuing the private option in its present form after next year is "off the table." The battle over access to healthcare will continue.



House	SB96	Health
Armstrong, C. (D)	P	0%
Armstrong, E. (D)	✓	100%
Baine (D)	✓	100%
Ballinger (R)	✓	100%
Baltz (D)	✓	100%
Beck (R)	✓	100%
Bell (R)	✓	100%
Bennett (D)	✓	100%
Bentley (R)	✗	0%
Blake (D)	✓	100%
Boyd (R)	✓	100%
Bragg (R)	✓	100%
Branscum (R)	✓	100%
Broadaway (D)	✓	100%
Brown (R)	✓	100%
Collins (R)	✓	100%
Copeland (R)	✗	0%
Cozart (R)	✓	100%
Davis (R)	✓	100%
Deffenbaugh (R)	✗	0%
Della Rosa (R)	✓	100%
Dotson (R)	P	0%
Douglas, C. (R)	✗	0%
Douglas, D. (R)	✓	100%
Drown (R)	✓	100%
Eads (R)	✓	100%
Eaves (R)	✓	100%
Eubanks (R)	✓	100%
Farrer (R)	✓	100%
Ferguson, D. (D)	✓	100%
Ferguson, K. (D)	✓	100%
Fielding (D)	✓	100%
Fite, C. (R)	✓	100%
Fite, L. (R)	✓	100%
Flowers, V. (D)	✓	100%
Gates (R)	✓	100%
Gonzales (R)	✓	100%
Gossage (R)	✓	100%
Gray, M.J. (D)	✓	100%
Gray, M. (R)	✗	0%
Hammer (R)	✓	100%
Harris (R)	✓	100%
Henderson (R)	✓	100%
Hendren, K. (R)	✓	100%
Hickerson (R)	✓	100%
Hillman (D)	✓	100%

House	SB96	Health
Hodges, G. (R)	✗	0%
Hodges, M. (D)	✓	100%
Holcomb (D)	✓	100%
House (R)	✓	100%
Jean (R)	✗	0%
Jett (D)	✓	100%
Johnson (D)	✓	100%
Ladyman (R)	✗	0%
Lampkin (D) ++	✓	100%
Leding (D) ++	✓	100%
Lemons (R)	✓	100%
Linck (R)	✓	100%
Love (D) ++	✓	100%
Lowery (R)	✓	100%
Lundstrum (R)	✓	100%
Magie (D)	✓	100%
Mayberry, J. (R)	✓	100%
McElroy (D)	✓	100%
McGill (D)	✓	100%
McNair (R)	✓	100%
Meeks, D. (R)	✓	100%
Meeks, S. (R)	✓	100%
Miller (R)	✗	0%
Murdock (D)	✓	100%
Neal (R)	✓	100%
Nicks (D)	✓	100%
Overbey (D)	✓	100%
Payton (R)	✗	0%
Petty (R)	✓	100%
Pitch (R)	✓	100%
Ratliff (D)	✓	100%
Richey (D)	✓	100%
Richmond (R)	✗	0%
Rushing (R)	✓	100%
Sabin (D) ++	✓	100%
Scott (R)	✓	100%
Shepherd (R) ++	✓	100%
Smith, B. (R)	✗	0%
Sorvillo (R)	✓	100%
Speaks (R)	✗	0%
Sturch (R)	✓	100%
Sullivan (R)	✗	0%
Talley (D)	✓	100%
Tosh (R)	✗	0%
Tucker (D)	✓	100%
Vaught (R)	✓	100%

House	SB96	Health
Vines (D)	✓	100%
Walker (D)	P	0%
Wallace (R)	✗	0%
Wardlaw (D)	✓	100%
Whitaker, D. (D)	✓	100%
Womack (R)	P	0%
Wright (D)	✓	100%
Mr. Speaker (R)	✓	—
Senate	SB96	Health
Bledsoe (R)	✓	100%
Burnett (D) ++	✓	100%
Caldwell (R)	✓	100%
Cheatham (D)	✓	100%
Chesterfield (D)	✓	100%
Clark (R)	✓	100%
Collins-Smith (R)	✗	0%
Cooper (R)	✓	100%
Dismang (R)	✓	100%
Elliott (D) ++	✓	100%
English (R)	✓	100%
Files (R) ++	✓	100%
Flippo (R)	✗	0%
Flowers (D)	✓	100%
Hendren (R)	✓	100%
Hester (R)	✓	100%
Hickey (R)	✓	100%
Hutchinson (R) ++	✓	100%
Ingram (D)	✓	100%
Irvin (R)	✓	100%
Johnson, B. (R)	✗	0%
Johnson, D. (D) ++	✗	0%
King (R)	✗	0%
Lindsey (D)	✓	100%
Maloch (D)	✓	100%
Pierce (D)	✓	100%
Rapert (R)	✓	100%
Rice (R)	✗	0%
Sample (R)	✓	100%
Saunders (R)	✓	100%
Stubblefield (R)	✗	0%
Teague (D)	✓	100%
Williams (R)	✓	100%
Woods (R)	✓	100%

# Overall Scores

House	TOTAL
Whitaker, D. (D)	86%
Love (D) ++	83%
Sabin (D) ++	83%
Flowers, V. (D)	83%
Tucker (D)	81%
Blake (D)	79%
Leding (D) ++	78%
Magie (D)	77%
McElroy (D)	77%
Walker (D)	77%
Hodges, M. (D)	73%
Armstrong, E. (D)	71%
Ferguson, K. (D)	71%
Armstrong, C. (D)	70%
Murdock (D)	70%
Broadaway (D)	69%
Nicks (D)	69%
McGill (D)	68%
Johnson (D)	67%
Baltz (D)	67%
Overbey (D)	67%
Lampkin (D) ++	65%
Talley (D)	64%
Ratliff (D)	63%
Wright (D)	61%
Richey (D)	60%
Fielding (D)	59%
Vines (D)	59%
Gray, M.J. (D)	58%
Bennett (D)	57%
Jett (D)	57%
Ferguson, D. (D)	57%
Mayberry, J. (R)	53%
Della Rosa (R)	52%
Holcomb (D)	52%
Hendren, K. (R)	48%
Hillman (D)	48%
Drown (R)	47%
Gossage (R)	46%
Baine (D)	46%
Fite, L. (R)	45%
Shepherd (R) ++	45%
Boyd (R)	43%
Wardlaw (D)	43%
Farrer (R)	43%

House	TOTAL
McNair (R)	43%
Branscum (R)	42%
Linck (R)	42%
Eads (R)	41%
Eubanks (R)	41%
Douglas, C. (R)	40%
Beck (R)	38%
Bragg (R)	38%
Brown (R)	38%
Deffenbaugh (R)	38%
Eaves (R)	38%
Henderson (R)	38%
Rushing (R)	38%
Vaught (R)	38%
Hammer (R)	37%
Hodges, G. (R)	37%
Lemons (R)	37%
Collins (R)	36%
Tosh (R)	36%
Neal (R)	35%
Meeks, S. (R)	34%
Scott (R)	34%
Davis (R)	33%
Douglas, D. (R)	33%
Hickerson (R)	33%
House (R)	33%
Sturch (R)	33%
Cozart (R)	32%
Copeland (R)	31%
Gonzales (R)	31%
Gray, M. (R)	31%
Jean (R)	31%
Sorvillo (R)	31%
Wallace (R)	31%
Pitch (R)	29%
Womack (R)	28%
Petty (R)	28%
Richmond (R)	28%
Smith, B. (R)	28%
Bentley (R)	27%
Payton (R)	27%
Sullivan (R)	27%
Lowery (R)	25%
Ladyman (R)	24%
Meeks, D. (R)	23%

House	TOTAL
Gates (R)	23%
Fite, C. (R)	22%
Miller (R)	22%
Lundstrum (R)	21%
Speaks (R)	21%
Bell (R)	18%
Harris (R)	18%
Ballinger (R)	17%
Dotson (R)	14%
Senate	TOTAL
Chesterfield (D)	89%
Johnson, D. (D) ++	87%
Lindsey (D)	85%
Elliott (D) ++	83%
Ingram (D)	83%
Cheatham (D)	78%
Burnett (D) ++	74%
Flowers (D)	70%
Hutchinson (R) ++	61%
Teague (D)	59%
Maloch (D)	57%
Dismang (R)	48%
Pierce (D)	48%
Woods (R)	46%
Files (R) ++	43%
Sample (R)	43%
Saunders (R)	43%
English (R)	39%
Hester (R)	39%
Hickey (R)	39%
Irvin (R)	39%
Rapert (R)	39%
Stubblefield (R)	39%
Williams (R)	39%
Caldwell (R)	37%
Clark (R)	37%
Bledsoe (R)	35%
Cooper (R)	35%
Flippo (R)	35%
Hendren (R)	35%
King (R)	33%
Collins-Smith (R)	30%
Johnson, B. (R)	30%
Rice (R)	30%



### Selecting the CFC Priorities

Delegates from the CFC's 51 member groups attend the CFC Convention where they present the issues they want the CFC to support in the upcoming legislative session. The issues are considered, discussed and debated. From these, delegates elect the CFC's broad platform and the Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas, which the CFC and member groups work together to push during the session.



Join the CFC for the next Convention in 2016, where we will prepare for the 2017 Legislative Session! Go to [CitizensFirst.org](http://CitizensFirst.org) to find out more about becoming a member organization in the Arkansas Citizens First Congress.



# 2014-2015 Member Organizations

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AAUW of Arkansas

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

Arkansas Canoe Club

Arkansas Climate Advocates

Arkansas Conservation Coalition

Arkansas Education Association (AEA)

Arkansas Head Start Association

Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance

Arkansas Interfaith Alliance

Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice

Arkansas Interfaith Power and Light

Arkansas Nonprofit Alliance

Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign

Arkansas Out of School Network

Arkansas People First

Arkansas Renewable Energy Association

Arkansas United Community Coalition

Boys Girls and Adults CDC (BGACDC)

Buffalo River Watershed Alliance

Center for Artistic Revolution

Concerned Citizens of Huttig

Concerned Citizens of Marvell

Concerned Citizens of Monticello

Concerned Citizens of Prescott

Desha Grassroots Coalition

Future Builders, Inc.

Gould Citizens Advisory Council

Gould Organizing Project

Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas

Inmate Justice Project

League Of Women Voters of Arkansas

League of Women Voters of Washington County

Magnolia Community Awareness Council

Newton County Wildlife Association

Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center

OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology

Ozark River Stewards

Painters Local Union 424

Pine Bluff Citizens in Action

Pine Bluff Little Scholars

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

Progressive Democrats in Action of Northeast Arkansas

Property Rights, Not Pipelines

Sierra Club, Arkansas Chapter

South Arkansas Coalition

Southern Bancorp Community Partners

Southwest Arkansas Good Government Commission

Star City Community Group

Strong Community Leadership Alliance

White River Environmental Protection Assn.

Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)