



# Arkansas Citizens First Congress



## COMMUNITY GUIDE TO THE 2011 ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# Welcome to our legislative guide!

The 2011 Arkansas General Assembly was marked by steps forward on water quality, prison reform and other key issues. We made progress on expanding opportunities to learn for Arkansas students and protecting Arkansans from the ill effects of natural gas drilling, but not as much as we hoped. We had disappointments as bills protecting workers' pay, expanding energy efficiency and more were defeated.

Read about it all here in your guide to the 2011 Arkansas Legislature.

Many of our members were concerned that this legislative session would be tough given the anti-government, anti-immigrant, anti-union and anti-environment campaigns that dominated the November elections, but the results were much more moderate. Key issues like prison reform made progress while the most egregious tax, environmental and immigration bills were defeated. We had some tough losses to be sure, but Arkansas' overall record is in high contrast to many other states. The Governor and legislative leaders like Speaker Moore deserve a lot of credit for producing a record of moderate policy change in a polarized political environment.

We saw a few notable new trends at the Arkansas legislature in 2011.

- This session was more partisan than any we've seen, the range of our overall legislator scores that has representatives of both parties shrank dramatically in 2011.
- This session was more contentious – reflected in a wider range of scores in this guide than we've ever had and illustrated by defeats for bills like the appropriation for the School for the Deaf and Blind that were once passed by consensus.

A special thank you to our member organizations and the thousands of people who got involved this session to make Arkansas better!

We held seven lobby days where hundreds of people came to the Capitol to make a difference. Our member groups held local events and met with their lawmakers at home about our issues. Our leaders spent hours developing draft legislation, reaching out to find allies, building consensus and raising money to support the effort. And our interns from Hendrix College, the Clinton School and UALR did a great job reading all 2,367 bills and resolutions filed during the session.

Our successes were because of the great people who gave their time and talents to make them happen. Our losses are largely because we don't have more people engaged yet.

We also thank every legislator, each of whom has a very difficult job.

We hope this guide is useful to you and we hope you'll join us again in the future for a better Arkansas.

**Kate Althoff and Rev. Kenneth Anderson – CFC co-chairs**

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*On the cover (clockwise from top):*

*100 youth from across the state came to the Capitol to make their opinions known to lawmakers.*

*Leaders from the Northwest Arkansas Worker Justice Center talked to lawmakers about wage theft legislation to make sure employees get paid for their work.*

*Participants in the South Arkansas Lobby Day pushed for better schools, prison reform and more.*

# THIS IS A GUIDE...

to how every legislator voted on the 36 bills that the CFC thought were most important. Though the CFC took positions on other bills, many did not come up for a vote. This report does not endorse or condemn any legislator, it simply compares votes taken by legislators to the CFC's Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas, as well as other issues on our broad platform.

We break the votes down into specific issue areas so you can easily find out how your legislator voted on the issues that you care about most.

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 guide does not tell you whether your legislator is "good" or "bad." You should ask *why* they voted the way they did and what it would take to get their support more often. Legislators are usually happy to explain their thinking. There are many complexities that are impossible to put in a voting chart. This guide tells you how your legislators tend to vote, but 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 over 2,000 pieces of legislation in the past three months. It's an incredible load to keep up with, even for the most seasoned members. We respect every legislator, even when we disagree.

Other significant legislation was considered which is not included in this guide. You can find more on [www.CitizensFirst.org](http://www.CitizensFirst.org) or [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us) — the Arkansas Legislature's web site.



*CFC members review talking points before going to the Capitol to talk to their Senators.*



*Arkansas landowners ask Governor Beebe to support reasonable regulation of natural gas drilling, also known as "fracking."*



# HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE

- “✓” means the legislator voted **with** the Congress position
  - “✗” means the legislator voted **against** the Congress position.
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- **If the Congress opposed a bill,** “✓” means that the legislator voted **against** the bill, and “✗” means that they voted **for** the bill.  
**If the Congress 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.
  - “NV” means “nonvoting,” and is counted as a “nay” vote because not voting has the same effect as voting against a bill. When the NV is in favor of the CFC’s position on a bill it counts for 0.5 points. If the NV is against the CFC’s position it counts for zero points. “P” means “present,” which functions as nonvoting.
  - Occasionally, members are excused “E” from a vote. An “E” is not counted in the score.
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- 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 the Speaker (Rep. Robert Moore) a score, but you can still see how he voted on all of the bills.
  - In the Legislative Scorecard, lead sponsors of our PRIORITY bills are marked ††. Lead sponsors of non-priority bills we supported are marked †.



*Lobby day participants find their legislators on a map showing the 35 Senate and 100 House districts.*

# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

The overall scores show the percentage of the time legislators voted with the CFC position. They ranged from a high of 85% to a low of 22% in the House and from 89% to 61% in the Senate.

This section also shows legislators' scores in each of the seven issues areas: agriculture, civil rights, economic justice, education reform, environment, government and election reform, and public health.

Each issue section has a summary of the bills we followed, a record of how each legislator voted on those bills and a score showing the percentage of the time the legislators voted with the CFC position on that specific issue.

The CFC owes great thanks to our members, allies and supporters and to the hundreds of people who came to the Capitol to support the CFC platform. *They* are the engine of change in Arkansas.

And we thank the lawmakers for putting in the time and hard work required to serve Arkansas.



*Over 40 youth from south Arkansas gave up some of their spring break to come to Little Rock the night before the CFC's Youth Lobby Day to learn about how the political process works in Arkansas.*

- \* Rep. Bruce Cozart was elected in a special election and did not take office until March 11th. His non-vote on bills that came up before then are marked “—” and are not counted in his scores.

## Legislative Scorecard

House	Ag	Civ R	Econ	Ed	Env	Gov	Health	Overall
Allen†	100%	100%	40%	88%	64%	100%	100%	<b>72%</b>
Altes	100%	50%	20%	56%	57%	67%	33%	<b>46%</b>
Baird	100%	33%	20%	38%	71%	33%	67%	<b>43%</b>
Baker	100%	100%	45%	69%	71%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Barnett	100%	0%	25%	63%	43%	67%	67%	<b>46%</b>
Bell	100%	0%	10%	50%	43%	33%	33%	<b>32%</b>
Benedict	100%	50%	20%	50%	43%	67%	67%	<b>44%</b>
Biviano	100%	50%	20%	63%	57%	67%	67%	<b>50%</b>
Bradford	100%	50%	45%	69%	57%	100%	67%	<b>62%</b>
Branscum	100%	50%	20%	69%	36%	67%	33%	<b>44%</b>
Brown	100%	75%	40%	69%	71%	100%	100%	<b>68%</b>
Burris	100%	0%	30%	63%	64%	67%	100%	<b>54%</b>
Carnine	100%	0%	20%	63%	64%	67%	67%	<b>49%</b>
Carter	100%	50%	20%	50%	14%	0%	0%	<b>26%</b>
Catlett	100%	100%	20%	88%	43%	100%	100%	<b>62%</b>
Cheatham††	100%	83%	50%	88%	57%	67%	100%	<b>70%</b>
Clemmer	100%	33%	20%	63%	29%	67%	67%	<b>43%</b>
Collins	100%	0%	20%	38%	57%	67%	67%	<b>41%</b>
Collins-Smith	0%	50%	20%	31%	50%	50%	100%	<b>40%</b>
Cowling	100%	83%	35%	69%	64%	83%	100%	<b>64%</b>
Cozart*	—	0%	25%	57%	20%	33%	50%	<b>36%</b>
Dale	100%	0%	20%	50%	57%	67%	100%	<b>47%</b>
Deffenbaugh	100%	50%	20%	50%	57%	67%	67%	<b>47%</b>
Dickinson	100%	75%	30%	88%	71%	100%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Edwards	100%	75%	35%	81%	64%	83%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Elliott	100%	75%	50%	44%	57%	100%	100%	<b>62%</b>
English	100%	0%	25%	63%	29%	33%	67%	<b>40%</b>
Eubanks	100%	0%	20%	50%	43%	33%	67%	<b>38%</b>
Fielding	100%	100%	50%	88%	50%	67%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Garner	100%	33%	20%	50%	43%	67%	67%	<b>43%</b>
Gaskill	100%	100%	35%	50%	71%	67%	67%	<b>57%</b>
Gillam†	100%	50%	20%	63%	43%	67%	67%	<b>47%</b>
Hall	100%	67%	45%	56%	71%	100%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Hammer	100%	50%	25%	63%	50%	67%	67%	<b>50%</b>
Harris	100%	50%	20%	50%	71%	33%	67%	<b>47%</b>
Hickerson	100%	50%	10%	25%	43%	67%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Hobbs	100%	33%	20%	63%	43%	33%	67%	<b>43%</b>
Hopper	100%	0%	20%	50%	43%	67%	67%	<b>40%</b>
Hubbard	100%	0%	30%	25%	71%	33%	67%	<b>41%</b>
Hutchinson	100%	0%	25%	50%	57%	67%	67%	<b>44%</b>
Hyde	100%	75%	35%	50%	57%	83%	100%	<b>57%</b>
Ingram	100%	75%	30%	88%	57%	100%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Jean	100%	0%	20%	63%	50%	67%	67%	<b>46%</b>
Johnston	0%	0%	20%	38%	43%	0%	67%	<b>29%</b>
Kerr	100%	50%	20%	50%	57%	33%	33%	<b>41%</b>
King	0%	0%	20%	25%	36%	0%	33%	<b>22%</b>

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House	Ag	Civ R	Econ	Ed	Env	Gov	Health	Overall
Lampkin	100%	100%	30%	69%	57%	67%	100%	<b>60%</b>
Lea	100%	33%	20%	63%	43%	33%	67%	<b>43%</b>
Leding††	100%	100%	60%	88%	86%	100%	100%	<b>82%</b>
Lenderman††	100%	50%	55%	88%	57%	100%	100%	<b>72%</b>
Linck	100%	0%	20%	63%	50%	67%	100%	<b>49%</b>
Lindsey††	100%	50%	45%	63%	71%	100%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Love	100%	100%	55%	100%	71%	100%	100%	<b>81%</b>
Lovell	100%	100%	50%	75%	57%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Malone	100%	50%	20%	50%	43%	67%	67%	<b>44%</b>
Mauch	100%	0%	20%	50%	43%	33%	100%	<b>41%</b>
Mayberry	100%	0%	20%	63%	57%	67%	100%	<b>50%</b>
McCrary	100%	50%	45%	75%	50%	100%	100%	<b>65%</b>
McLean	100%	67%	30%	50%	64%	67%	100%	<b>56%</b>
D. Meeks	100%	0%	20%	50%	71%	67%	67%	<b>47%</b>
S. Meeks	100%	0%	20%	38%	57%	67%	67%	<b>41%</b>
Moore††	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>E</b>
Murdock	0%	100%	60%	63%	64%	100%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Nickels††	100%	83%	55%	81%	71%	67%	67%	<b>70%</b>
Overbey	100%	75%	45%	81%	64%	83%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Patterson††	100%	100%	40%	88%	57%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Pennartz	100%	100%	30%	88%	86%	83%	100%	<b>73%</b>
Perry	100%	100%	40%	63%	43%	67%	100%	<b>59%</b>
Pierce††	100%	100%	40%	56%	64%	67%	100%	<b>62%</b>
Post	100%	100%	55%	75%	64%	100%	100%	<b>74%</b>
Powers	100%	100%	50%	100%	71%	100%	67%	<b>76%</b>
Ratliff	100%	100%	40%	75%	57%	100%	100%	<b>68%</b>
Rice	100%	0%	20%	63%	50%	67%	100%	<b>49%</b>
Roebuck†	100%	100%	50%	88%	71%	100%	100%	<b>77%</b>
Rogers	100%	100%	40%	88%	71%	100%	100%	<b>74%</b>
Sanders	100%	50%	20%	63%	64%	33%	67%	<b>49%</b>
Shepherd	100%	50%	30%	63%	57%	67%	100%	<b>56%</b>
Slinkard	100%	0%	10%	50%	43%	67%	67%	<b>37%</b>
Smith	100%	75%	50%	100%	57%	100%	100%	<b>75%</b>
Steel	100%	50%	35%	75%	64%	33%	100%	<b>59%</b>
Steele	100%	100%	55%	88%	57%	100%	100%	<b>75%</b>
Stewart	100%	100%	50%	75%	71%	100%	67%	<b>71%</b>
Stubblefield	0%	0%	20%	50%	43%	33%	100%	<b>38%</b>
Summers	100%	50%	20%	75%	43%	83%	100%	<b>54%</b>
Thompson	100%	100%	40%	88%	50%	100%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Tyler	100%	100%	40%	75%	64%	83%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Vines	100%	83%	30%	63%	43%	67%	100%	<b>56%</b>
Wagner	100%	50%	30%	75%	57%	67%	100%	<b>59%</b>
Walker	100%	100%	55%	100%	86%	100%	100%	<b>84%</b>
Wardlaw	100%	100%	30%	75%	57%	67%	100%	<b>62%</b>
Webb††	100%	100%	65%	94%	86%	100%	100%	<b>85%</b>
Westerman	100%	0%	20%	63%	57%	33%	67%	<b>44%</b>



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House	Ag	Civ R	Econ	Ed	Env	Gov	Health	Overall
B. Wilkins	100%	100%	40%	94%	79%	100%	100%	<b>77%</b>
H. Wilkins	100%	100%	50%	63%	79%	83%	67%	<b>68%</b>
Williams††	100%	100%	55%	81%	71%	100%	67%	<b>74%</b>
Woods	100%	50%	30%	75%	57%	67%	100%	<b>59%</b>
Word	100%	50%	65%	63%	57%	100%	100%	<b>69%</b>
Wren	100%	100%	20%	88%	57%	100%	100%	<b>65%</b>
Wright	100%	100%	35%	69%	71%	100%	100%	<b>68%</b>
<b>Senate</b>								
Baker†	100%	100%	33%	78%	64%	0%	67%	<b>63%</b>
Bledsoe	100%	100%	33%	78%	64%	100%	100%	<b>70%</b>
Bookout	100%	100%	42%	78%	57%	100%	100%	<b>70%</b>
Burnett	100%	100%	33%	78%	57%	100%	100%	<b>68%</b>
Chesterfield	100%	100%	50%	89%	57%	100%	100%	<b>75%</b>
Crumbly	100%	100%	58%	89%	57%	100%	100%	<b>77%</b>
Dismang	100%	100%	33%	56%	57%	100%	100%	<b>61%</b>
Elliott††	100%	100%	67%	89%	86%	100%	100%	<b>86%</b>
Files	100%	100%	33%	56%	71%	100%	100%	<b>64%</b>
Fletcher	100%	100%	33%	78%	71%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Flowers††	100%	100%	42%	83%	86%	0%	100%	<b>75%</b>
Harrelson	100%	100%	50%	89%	43%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Hendren	0%	100%	50%	67%	64%	100%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Holland	100%	100%	33%	78%	71%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Hutchinson	100%	100%	33%	67%	71%	100%	67%	<b>64%</b>
Irvin	100%	100%	33%	78%	71%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
J. Jeffress††	100%	100%	50%	89%	57%	100%	100%	<b>75%</b>
G. Jeffress	100%	100%	50%	89%	57%	100%	100%	<b>75%</b>
Johnson††	100%	100%	83%	89%	86%	100%	100%	<b>89%</b>
Key††	100%	100%	33%	78%	71%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>
Lamoureux	100%	100%	33%	67%	57%	100%	100%	<b>64%</b>
Laverty	100%	100%	75%	83%	79%	100%	100%	<b>84%</b>
Luker††	100%	100%	58%	78%	50%	100%	67%	<b>68%</b>
Madison††	100%	100%	83%	89%	86%	100%	100%	<b>89%</b>
Malone	100%	100%	50%	83%	57%	100%	67%	<b>70%</b>
Pritchard	100%	100%	33%	67%	57%	100%	100%	<b>64%</b>
Rapert	0%	100%	33%	78%	57%	0%	100%	<b>61%</b>
Salmon††	100%	100%	67%	78%	71%	100%	100%	<b>79%</b>
Sample	100%	100%	42%	56%	57%	100%	100%	<b>63%</b>
Taylor	100%	100%	33%	67%	43%	100%	100%	<b>61%</b>
Teague††	0%	100%	33%	78%	50%	100%	100%	<b>63%</b>
Thompson	100%	100%	50%	78%	64%	100%	100%	<b>73%</b>
Whitaker	100%	100%	50%	56%	64%	<b>E</b>	100%	<b>65%</b>
Williams	100%	100%	33%	67%	64%	100%	100%	<b>66%</b>
Wyatt	100%	100%	50%	78%	57%	100%	100%	<b>71%</b>

# AGRICULTURE

Arkansas needs a stronger voice from agriculture leaders working on state policy to support family farmers and sustainable agriculture. Agriculture policy in Arkansas is dominated by big agri-industrial interests. We monitored legislation for policy related to family and sustainable agriculture.

## Supported

### HB1455 – Gillam – Passed, now Act 568

Adopts standards for local regulation of farmers' markets.

### SB820 – J. Jeffress – Sent to interim study

To establish a farmers market certification program.

*Special thanks to our interns, who helped us read all of these bills!*

Kyle Bradbury	Jane Derrick
Morgan Hill	Dylan Jacobs
Acadia Roher	



*CFC Steering Committee member Debbie Doss and co-chair Kate Althoff watch the House from the gallery.*

House	HB1455	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	100%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✓	100%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	100%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	100%
Bell (R, Mena)	✓	100%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	100%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	100%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	100%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	100%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	100%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	100%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✓	100%
Carter (R, Cabot)	✓	100%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	100%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	100%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	✓	100%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✓	100%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	NV	0%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	100%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	—	—
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	100%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	100%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	100%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	100%
English (R, North Little Rock)	✓	100%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✓	100%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	100%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	100%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	100%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	100%
Hall (D, Marvell)	✓	100%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	100%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✓	100%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	✓	100%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	✓	100%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✓	100%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✓	100%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	✓	100%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	100%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	100%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✓	100%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	NV	0%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✓	100%
King (R, Berryville)	NV	0%

## Agriculture

House	HB1455	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	100%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	100%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	100%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	100%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	100%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	100%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	100%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	✓	100%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✓	100%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	100%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	100%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	100%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✓	100%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✓	100%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	NV	0%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	100%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	100%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	100%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	100%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	100%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	100%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	100%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	100%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	100%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	100%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	100%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	100%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	100%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	✓	100%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	100%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	100%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	100%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	100%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✗	0%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	100%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	100%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	100%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	100%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	100%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	100%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	✓	100%

House	HB1455	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	100%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	100%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	100%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	100%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	100%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	100%
<b>Senate</b>		
Baker (R, Conway)	✓	100%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓	100%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓	100%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓	100%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓	100%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓	100%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓	100%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓	100%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	100%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓	100%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✗	0%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓	100%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓	100%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓	100%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓	100%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓	100%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓	100%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓	100%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓	100%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓	100%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓	100%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	100%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓	100%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✗	0%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓	100%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓	100%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	100%
Teague (D, Nashville)	NV	0%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓	100%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓	100%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓	100%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓	100%

# CIVIL RIGHTS

## Priority

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

Immigration reform is a national issue that must be dealt with comprehensively at the Federal level. We oppose state level immigration reform because it tends to be ineffective, punitive and raises racial profiling and other constitutional questions. Several anti-immigrant bills were introduced in 2011 but all were defeated thanks in part to strong opposition from the Governor.



*A University student lobbies Rep. Hutchinson to oppose a bill requiring driver's exams be given in English only.*

## Opposed

**HB2007 – Hubbard – Failed in the House**  
To require driver's exams be given in English only.

**HB1008 – Harris – Tabled in committee**  
The "anti-DREAM Act" to require Arkansas students to be U.S. citizens or legal residents to receive in-state tuition at Arkansas colleges.

**HB2117 – Hammer – Sent to interim study**  
To require all businesses receiving state funds to use the E-verify identification system.

**HCR1009 – Hobbs – Failed in committee**  
To encourage Congress to take action to solve immigration issues or pass authority to the states.

**HB1292 – Hubbard – Failed in committee**  
To prohibit any state benefits to undocumented immigrants, including life and cost saving measures like pre-natal care.

In light of strong opposition, no action was taken on other bills regarding transportation of immigrants, hiring of undocumented worker and requiring state documents only be printed in English

## Priority

**Prison reform** is both a civil rights and government reform issue. It is included in the Government Reform section, page 34.

## Supported

**SB892 – Johnson – Passed, now Act 907**  
Clarifies Arkansas's anti-bullying policies and specifically requires school districts to adopt policies to prevent bullying and promptly take action on complaints.



## Civil Rights

House	SB892	HB2007	HB1292	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✗		50%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✓	✗	✗	33%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓		100%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✗	✗		0%
Bell (R, Mena)	✗	✗		0%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	✗		50%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	✗		50%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✗		50%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	✗		50%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	NV		75%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✗	✗		0%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✗	✗		0%
Carter (R, Cabot)	NV	✓		50%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	✓		100%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	NV	✓	83%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	✓	✗	✗	33%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✗	✗		0%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	✓	✗		50%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	NV	✓	83%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	✗	—		0%
Dale (R, Dover)	NV	✗		0%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	✗		50%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	NV		75%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	P		75%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	NV		75%
English (R, North Little Rock)	NV	✗		0%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✗	✗		0%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	✓		100%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	✗	✗	33%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	✓		100%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	✗		50%
Hall (D, Marvell)	NV	✓	✓	67%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	✗		50%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✓	✗		50%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	✓	✗		50%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	✓	✗	✗	33%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✗	✗	✗	0%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✗	✗		0%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	NV	✗	✗	0%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	NV		75%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	NV		75%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✗	✗		0%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	✗	✗		0%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✓	✗		50%
King (R, Berryville)	NV	✗		0%

## Civil Rights

House	SB892	HB2007	HB1292	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✓		100%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	✗	✗	33%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓		100%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✗		50%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✗	✗		0%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	NV	✓		50%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✓		100%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✗		50%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✗	✗		0%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✗	✗		0%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	NV	✓		50%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	NV	NV	67%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✗	✗		0%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✗	✗		0%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	NV	NV		E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	✓	✓		100%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	NV	✓	83%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	NV		75%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✓		100%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	✓		100%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	✓		100%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓		100%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	✓		100%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	✓		100%
Rice (R, Waldron)	NV	✗		0%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	✓	✗		50%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✗		50%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	NV	✗	✗	0%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	P		75%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	✗	NV	50%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓		100%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✗	✗		0%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✗		50%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓		100%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✗		50%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✓		100%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	✗	✗		0%

## Civil Rights

House	SB892	HB2007	HB1292	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	✓	100%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓		100%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓		100%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✗		50%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	NV	✓		50%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	✓		100%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓		100%
<b>Senate</b>				
Baker (R, Conway)	✓			100%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓			100%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓			100%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓			100%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓			100%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓			100%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓			100%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓			100%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓			100%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓			100%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓			100%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓			100%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓			100%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓			100%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓			100%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓			100%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓			100%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓			100%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓			100%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓			100%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓			100%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓			100%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✓			100%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓			100%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓			100%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓			100%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓			100%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓			100%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓			100%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓			100%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓			100%

# ECONOMIC JUSTICE

## Priority

**Support fair tax reform that lowers the burden on low- and middle-income families, while protecting the integrity of the state budget.**

Taxes largely defined the 2011 legislative session. We have two main concerns about tax cuts:

1. Any tax cut should be accompanied by a corresponding budget cut so lawmakers and the public can make a transparent choice about what they are giving up to pay for the tax cut. Many proposed cuts threatened funding for education, Medicare and other services.
2. Any tax cut should target Arkansas's middle- and low-income people who already pay higher tax rates than the wealthiest Arkansans.

Some low-income tax relief was passed this session and the most egregious budget busting tax cuts for the wealthy were defeated, but corporations received more tax cuts than working people.

## Supported

### **HB1056 – Lindsey – Passed, now Act 736**

Exempts single-parent families with two or more children, living below the poverty line from income taxes. Corrects an inadvertent mistake in the 2007 income tax reform bill.

### **SB276 – Teague – Passed, now Act 755**

Reduces the sales tax on groceries by .5%.

### **HB1495 – Nickels – Sent to interim study**

To create combined income tax reporting for companies headquartered out of state, making it harder for large companies to cheat on their taxes by hiding profits in out-of-state subsidiaries.

### **HB1421 – Patterson – Passed, now Act 738**

Increases and extends the geotourism tax credit for the Delta area. *This passed unanimously—we have not recorded the vote in this guide to make space.*

## Opposed

### **HB1002 – Garner – Passed the House, failed in Senate committee.**

To exempt all capital gains resulting from the sale of Arkansas property from the state income tax. This would benefit the wealthy almost exclusively.

### **HB1118 – Pennartz – Passed, now Act 1166**

Establishes an investment tax credit for rehabilitating or developing eligible business districts in the state.

### **HB1257 – Ingram – Passed the House, no action in Senate committee**

To allow a credit for sales or use taxes paid to another state for the purchase of a vehicle.

### **HB1369 – Shepherd – Passed, now Act 757**

Creates a “back to school” sales tax holiday for one weekend in August.

### **SB274 – Baker – Passed, now Act 753**

Increases from \$2500 to \$4000 the price below which sales tax is not applied to used car sales.

*This passed unanimously—we have not recorded the vote in this guide to make space for more varied votes.*

### **HB1052 – Jean – Passed the House, no action in Senate committee.**

To lower the sales tax on utilities used by manufacturers.

### **SB275 – Sample – Passed, now Act 754**

Lowers sales tax on utilities used by manufacturers. This benefits Arkansas corporations, while residents' taxes remain unchanged.





## Priority

**Discourage wage theft by creating penalties for employers who refuse to pay workers.**

We helped improve Arkansas's wage theft laws in 2009, but many workers are still not getting paid by unscrupulous employers. We worked with the Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center, labor groups and the Arkansas Department of Labor to develop HB1881 for this session. An honest day's work should always result in an honest day's wages.

### **HB1881 – Leding – Failed in the House**

To require all employers to pay discharged employees by the next regular payday, prohibit unauthorized deductions from pay and establish a civil penalty for non-payment of wages.



*The Citizens First Congress held five lobby days. Hundreds of people came to the Capitol to make a difference.*



# Opposed

## **SB593 – Dismang – Passed, now Act 861**

Places a permanent cap on unemployment benefits that is only amendable by future legislation, where previously unemployment benefits increased over time with inflation. The bill also makes it easier to disqualify workers from receiving any benefits at all, and requires people to accept jobs even if they are far below their previous salary or lose their benefits.

## **HB1840/SB778 – Rice/Pritchard – Sent to interim study**

To restrict eligibility for worker's compensation coverage. Would reverse several court decisions in favor of workers over the past 20 years.

### ***A note about taxes—***

*Arkansas taxes low-income people at twice the rate that we tax our wealthiest people. We have one of the most regressive tax policies in the country and nearly every time the legislature meets they make the system worse. We support low- and middle-income tax relief and oppose tax cuts for big businesses and the wealthy. To keep the state budget balanced, we also oppose tax cuts made without corresponding spending cuts or tax increases.*



*At the Youth Lobby Day, young people sat in on committee hearings to hear legislators debate bills that were initiated by the Citizens First Congress.*



*Rich Huddleston of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and Eric Treat of Arkansas People First talk to Rep. Nickels at a CFC Legislative Lunch.*



## Economic Justice

House	HB1056	SB276	HB1881	HB1002	HB1052	HB1118	HB1257	HB1369	SB275	SB593	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	40%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	45%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	25%
Bell (R, Mena)	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	45%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	40%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	30%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Carter (R, Cabot)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	35%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	—	✓	✗	—	—	—	—	—	✗	✗	25%
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	NV	NV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	NV	30%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	35%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%
English (R, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	25%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	50%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	35%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Hall (D, Marvell)	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	45%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	25%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	NV	✓	P	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	10%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	NV	NV	✗	✗	✗	30%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	P	✗	✗	25%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	NV	35%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	30%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%
King (R, Berryville)	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	20%

## Economic Justice

House	HB1056	SB276	HB1881	HB1002	HB1052	HB1118	HB1257	HB1369	SB275	SB593	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✓	NV	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	✓	×	✓	60%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	NV	55%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	P	45%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	×	×	✓	55%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	×	×	50%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	NV	×	×	45%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	NV	×	×	×	×	NV	×	NV	30%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	✓	60%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	P	P	55%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	NV	45%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	40%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	NV	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	40%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	NV	NV	40%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	×	×	✓	55%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	50%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	40%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	50%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	40%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	NV	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	10%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	50%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	NV	35%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	×	×	✓	55%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	50%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	40%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	40%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	NV	P	55%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	×	✓	65%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%



## Economic Justice

House	HB1056	SB276	HB1881	HB1002	HB1052	HB1118	HB1257	HB1369	SB275	SB593	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	40%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	✓	50%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	P	✓	×	×	×	×	✓	55%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	30%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	×	✓	65%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	20%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	NV	35%
<b>Senate</b>											
Baker (R, Conway)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓	✓				×		×	×	NV	42%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓				×		×	×	✓	50%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓	✓				×		×	✓	NV	58%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓				×		×	✓	✓	67%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓				×		NV	×	×	42%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓	✓				×		×	×	✓	50%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓	✓				×		×	✓	×	50%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓	✓				×		×	×	✓	50%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓	✓				×		×	NV	NV	50%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓				×		✓	✓	✓	83%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓	✓				×		NV	✓	✓	75%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓	✓				×		NV	NV	NV	58%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓				×		✓	✓	✓	83%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓				×		×	NV	NV	50%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓				×		NV	✓	NV	67%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✓				×		×	×	NV	42%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓	✓				×		×	×	✓	50%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓	✓				×		×	✓	×	50%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓	✓				×		×	×	×	33%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓	✓				×		×	✓	×	50%

# EDUCATION

## Priority

### **Improve opportunities to learn for all students by implementing proven solutions to close education achievement gaps.**

The Arkansas Opportunity to Learn (OTL) campaign is a coalition of parents, students, educators, community groups, foundations and academics working together to ensure that every child in Arkansas has access to the essentials of a great education: early childhood education, highly effective teachers, college preparatory classes and equitable education resources.

Improvements passed this year include more accountability for how money to enhance the education of low-income students is spent; the creation of the framework (but not the funding) for a statewide system of after-school and summer programming; improving parental involvement and initiating a study on cultural competency. Still, we have a long way to go to provide a great opportunity to learn for every Arkansas student.

## Supported

**HB1620 - Cheatham - Passed, now Act 743**  
To establish college and career readiness standards.

**SB138 - Key - Passed, now Act 166**  
The Positive Youth Development Act to expand after-school and summer programs.

**SB740 - Flowers - Passed, now Act 1002**  
Requires school districts to implement parental involvement plans and require the Department of Education to monitor and evaluate their effectiveness.

**SB958 - Elliott - Passed, now Act 1162**  
Creates an interim study to identify best practice approaches to cultural competency training for state employees.

**SB793 – Elliott – Passed, now Act 1150**  
Expands the objectives of teachers’ professional development plans to include providing educators with the knowledge and skills needed to teach culturally and linguistically diverse students.

**HB1910 - Pierce - Passed, now Act 1220**  
Limits school districts’ ability to carry over funds provided for low-income students, requires districts to spend most of the funds in the year received and on programs designed to improve student achievement.

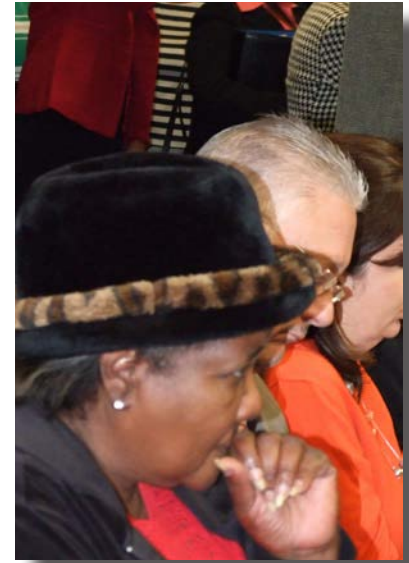
**SB821 - Senate Education Committee - Passed Senate**  
Per-student foundation funding with increased transportation funding for districts with high transportation costs.

Note that the funding bill that was enacted instead of SB821, **Act 1039**, did not include funding for high transportation costs, but some additional transportation funding is provided in **Act 1075**.

## Priority

Ensure that all Arkansas high school graduates have the opportunity to attend college in Arkansas at in-state tuition rates by passing the DREAM Act.

CFC leaders agreed not to pursue the Arkansas DREAM Act this session, but to continue to support the federal DREAM Act and focus on fighting local anti-immigration legislation, such as **HB1008**, the “Anti-DREAM Act,” (tabled in the House Education committee) which would have required Arkansas students to be U.S. citizens or legal residents to receive in-state tuition at Arkansas colleges. The Governor’s office remains opposed to passing the DREAM Act in Arkansas.



*Arkansas Opportunity to Learn co-chair Regina VonTungeln at the OTL Lobby Day.*



*Citizens volunteered their time to be at the Capitol and influence the debates over important bills.*



*Latino youth talking with their legislator about the DREAM Act.*



## Education Supported

### HB2032 - Roebuck - Passed, now Act 899

Authorizes ADHE to determine which test scores or other criteria will require students to take remedial courses, and to establish criteria for simultaneous enrollment in college-credit and remedial courses.

*This passed unanimously—we have not recorded the vote in this guide to make space for more varied votes.*

### HB2050 - Roebuck - Passed, now Act 1184

Establishes conditional college admission standards for high school graduates who have not met minimum assessment scores or core curriculum requirements. Such students will be required to demonstrate academic proficiency through an approved remediation program.

*This passed unanimously—we have not recorded the vote in this guide to make space for more varied votes.*

*At the Youth Lobby Day, nearly 100 students came to the Capitol during their spring break to learn about the political process and watch their legislators at work.*

## Opposed

### SB436 - Baker - Passed, now Act 993

Eases the requirements and standards for public charter schools.

### SB346 - Baker - Passed, now Act 987

Removes the limit on the number of open-enrollment charter schools in Arkansas.

## Charter schools

*We are not opposed to charter schools, but think they should be held to high standards, target children who need help the most and be held accountable to meet standards.*

*Find out more in the Arkansas Public Policy Panel's report: Analyzing the Success of Arkansas's Charter Schools at [www.ARPANEL.org](http://www.ARPANEL.org)*





## Education

House	HB1620	SB138	SB740	SB821	SB958	SB793	HB1910	SB436	SB346	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	NV	NV	×	56%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✓	NV	✓		NV	×	✓	×	×	38%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	×	NV	69%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Bell (R, Mena)	✓	✓	✓		NV	×	✓	×	×	50%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	×	NV	69%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	P	NV	×	69%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	NV	×	NV	69%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	NV	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	63%
Carter (R, Cabot)	✓	NV	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	50%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	88%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	×	×	63%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✓	×	✓		NV	×	✓	×	×	38%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	NV	✓	NV		NV	NV	✓	NV	×	31%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	×	NV	69%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	✓	—	NV		×	✓	✓	NV	NV	57%
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	✓	×		✓	×	✓	×	×	50%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	NV	81%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	NV	✓	NV		NV	✓	✓	×	NV	44%
English (R, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		×	✓	✓	×	×	63%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✓	✓	✓		NV	×	✓	×	×	50%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	NV	×	×	50%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	NV		NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	50%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	×	63%
Hall (D, Marvell)	✓	✓	✓		NV	NV	✓	NV	×	56%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	✓	63%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	NV	×	×	50%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	NV	NV	NV		✓	×	✓	×	×	25%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✓		×	✓	✓	×	×	63%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✓	✓	✓		P	×	✓	×	×	50%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✓	NV	NV		×	×	✓	×	×	25%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	✓	✓	✓		NV	NV	✓	×	×	50%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	NV	✓	✓		NV	NV	✓	×	✓	50%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	✓	NV	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	38%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
King (R, Berryville)	NV	✓	NV		NV	NV	✓	×	×	25%

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House	HB1620	SB138	SB740	SB821	SB958	SB793	HB1910	SB436	SB346	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	NV	69%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	×	63%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	×	63%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	75%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓		NV	×	✓	×	×	50%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	75%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	NV		✓	NV	✓	×	×	50%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✓	×	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	38%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	NV	NV	NV		NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	NV	✓	✓		✓	✓	NV	×	✓	63%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	NV	81%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	NV	81%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	×	63%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	✓	NV		NV	✓	✓	×	NV	56%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓	NV		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	75%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	NV	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	75%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	×	63%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	✓	✓	✓		×	×	✓	×	×	50%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	NV		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	75%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓	NV		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	75%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✓	✓	✓		×	NV	✓	×	×	50%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	75%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	✓	88%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	75%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓		NV	✓	✓	×	×	63%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	×	×	75%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✓	✓		✓	NV	✓	×	✓	75%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	94%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓		✓	×	✓	×	×	63%

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House	HB1620	SB138	SB740	SB821	SB958	SB793	HB1910	SB436	SB346	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	94%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	NV	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	x	63%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	NV	81%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	x	75%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	NV	x	x	63%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	x	✓	88%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓	NV		✓	✓	✓	x	NV	69%
<b>Senate</b>										
Baker (R, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	NV	✓	x	x	56%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	x	x	56%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	NV	83%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	67%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	67%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	67%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	NV	83%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	x	✓	78%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	89%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	NV	83%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	x	x	67%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	x	x	56%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	67%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	✓	78%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	x	x	56%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	x	x	67%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x	x	78%

# ENVIRONMENT

## Priority

**Require the oil and gas industry to follow best management practices to protect landowner rights and Arkansas's water resources.**

This package of legislation to better regulate the natural gas industry was based on model policies that are already working in other states, but it faced overwhelming industry opposition. The legislature committed to hold interim hearings to further examine the need for better protections from the dangers of natural gas drilling. Interim hearings are a positive step forward, and will give landowners who are concerned about pollution from gas drilling the chance to testify. We will continue talking with landowners, lawmakers, state agencies and the gas industry about more responsible ways to develop natural gas.



*Landowners pressed legislators to pass reasonable regulation of the natural gas drilling industry to protect land and water from the effects of “fracking.”*

**SB314 – Salmon – Sent to interim study**  
The Landowners Bill of Rights would give surface owners a voice in drilling decisions and requires gas companies to disclose activities to landowners.

**HB 1396 – Webb – Sent to interim study**  
To require gas companies to disclose water use, fracking chemicals and disposal methods.

**HB1399 – Pierce – Sent to interim study**  
The Rural Good Neighbor Noise Abatement Act would require gas companies to reduce noise to below 55 dB at 1000 yards of distance from a house during the day and 45 dB at night.

**HB 1395 – Leding – Sent to interim study**  
To require further monitoring of air quality from wells, particularly those near homes and concentrated within small geographic areas.

**HB 1394 – Lenderman – Sent to interim study**  
To protect Arkansas's water resources by strengthening standards for building gas field access roads, pipelines and drilling pads; waste pit maintenance and closure; and drill casings.

**HB 1392 – Leding – Sent to interim study**  
To improve inspection and enforcement at gas drilling sites, including requiring annual inspections.

**HB 1393 – Webb – Sent to interim study**  
To increase assurance bonds to pay for closing and remediating abandoned wells and strengthen requirements for idle wells.



## Priority

**Implement energy policies to save consumers money, create jobs and combat climate change.**

The PACE legislation came within 3 votes of passing and would have created an affordable way for moderate income homeowners to insulate, weatherize and make other energy improvements to their homes. It was a hard loss but the leaders on this issue vow to be back. The renewable energy bill was again defeated by utilities, but advocates are determined as ever to call for action

### **SB516 – Johnson – Failed in the House**

To authorize the establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program allowing energy improvement districts to fund loans for energy efficiency improvements and clean renewable energy projects.

### **SB721 – Madison – Sent to interim study**

The Arkansas Clean Energy Act, to encourage development and investment in renewable energy resources.

## Priority

**Develop a new state water plan that uses the best science and engages a broad range of Arkansans.**

Arkansas' current water plan is out of date, focuses almost exclusively on water quantity and not environmental concerns, and was created solely under the purview of the Natural Resources Commission.

### **HB1903 – Moore – Passed, now Act 749**

Improves state water planning to ensure that water quality and quantity are considered and that other agencies and stakeholders have a roll in revising the plan.

### **HB1664 – Webb – Passed, now Act 249**

Appropriates \$4 million to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for updating the statewide water plan.

*This passed unanimously—we have not recorded the vote in this guide to make space for more varied votes.*



*On the snowiest day, citizens were at the Capitol to support legislators who championed water protections and renewable energy.*

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### Supported

#### **HB1161 – Webb – Passed, now Act 67**

Allows a motor vehicle renewal notification to be sent by email.

#### **HB1280 – Leding – Passed, now Act 279**

Updates the Arkansas Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act to meet federal requirements.

### Opposed

#### **SB923 – Lamoureaux – Failed in the House**

To create the task force on recruiting and hosting nuclear facilities in Arkansas.

#### **HB1450 – Barnett – Failed in the Senate, sent to interim study**

To create a carbon capture and sequestration program in Arkansas. This put liability on the state and had minimal public protections.

#### **HB1895 – Powers – Passed, now Act 910**

Amends the Utility Facility Environmental and Economic Protection Act to limit public input in certificate of need proceedings before the Public Service Commission (PSC). Instead of determining the need, type and location for new owner generation in one proceeding before the PSC, this allows those issues to be heard in separate proceedings, limiting public input on the overall project and taking away protections for property rights and public health.

#### **HB2185 – Smith – Passed committee, was amended and re-referred to committee**

To allow large businesses or industrial users of electricity or natural gas to opt out of the energy efficiency programs required by the Arkansas Public Service Commission and to be exempt from charges placed on energy users to pay for such programs.



*Rep. Lenderman (below) presented his bill to protect Arkansas's water quality.*



*The hearing room was packed when legislators considered the regulations proposed by the Citizens First Congress to protect land and water when drilling for natural gas.*

## Environment

House	HB1903	SB516	HB1161	HB1280	HB1450	HB1895	SB923	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	64%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	71%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	NV	71%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Bell (R, Mena)	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	✓	43%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	57%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	×	✓	NV	×	×	NV	36%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	71%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	×	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	64%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	NV	×	64%
Carter (R, Cabot)	NV	×	✓	NV	×	×	×	14%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	NV	✓	✓	NV	×	×	×	29%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	NV	50%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	64%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	✓	×	—	—	×	×	×	20%
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	57%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	NV	71%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	NV	64%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	✓	57%
English (R, North Little Rock)	✓	×	✓	NV	×	×	×	29%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	×	×	50%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	NV	71%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	×	✓	NV	×	×	✓	43%
Hall (D, Marvell)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	NV	71%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	×	✓	✓	NV	×	×	50%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	71%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	43%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	71%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	57%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	NV	NV	57%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✓	×	✓	✓	NV	×	×	50%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	✓	×	✓	NV	×	×	✓	43%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✓	NV	✓	✓	×	×	✓	57%
King (R, Berryville)	✓	NV	✓	NV	×	NV	×	36%

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House	HB1903	SB516	HB1161	HB1280	HB1450	HB1895	SB923	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	43%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	P	✓	86%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	P	50%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	P	NV	71%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	NV	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	43%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✓	✗	✓	NV	✗	✗	✓	43%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	NV	50%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	64%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	71%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	✓	✓	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	✗	✓	64%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	64%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	P	NV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	43%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	64%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	64%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	NV	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	50%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓	64%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	57%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	NV	NV	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	43%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	57%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	64%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	✓	57%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	71%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	43%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	43%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓	✓	NV	✗	✗	NV	50%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NV	64%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	43%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	57%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	86%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	P	NV	86%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	57%



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House	HB1903	SB516	HB1161	HB1280	HB1450	HB1895	SB923	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	✓	79%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	NV	✓	79%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	71%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	✓	57%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	×	✓	✓	×	×	✓	57%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	71%
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Baker (R, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	64%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	64%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	86%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	NV	×	71%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	71%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	86%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓	✓	NV	✓	×	×	×	43%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	64%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	71%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	71%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	71%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	86%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	71%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	×	79%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	×	×	50%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	86%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	✓	×	71%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	43%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	NV	✓	NV	×	×	50%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	64%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	NV	×	64%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓	✓	✓	✓	NV	×	×	64%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	57%

# GOVERNMENT AND ELECTION REFORM

## Priority

**Reform prison sentencing practices to make the parole process unbiased, reduce costs and help restore former inmates back into productive society.**

The prison reform package supported by the Governor is a great step forward that will save the state money and help non-violent offenders reintegrate more successfully into society. Other reforms are still needed to reduce the spiraling prison populations in Arkansas, address the needs of youth offenders, ensure more consistent

adjudication and make it possible for ex-inmates who play by the rules to get their records truly expunged so they can find jobs and housing.

### **SB750 – Luker – Passed, now Act 570**

Governor's working group proposal for corrections reform, including probation/parole improvements and more drug courts. The bill does not cover proposals to increase youth diversion and expunge records for juvenile or first-time offenders for minor offenses.

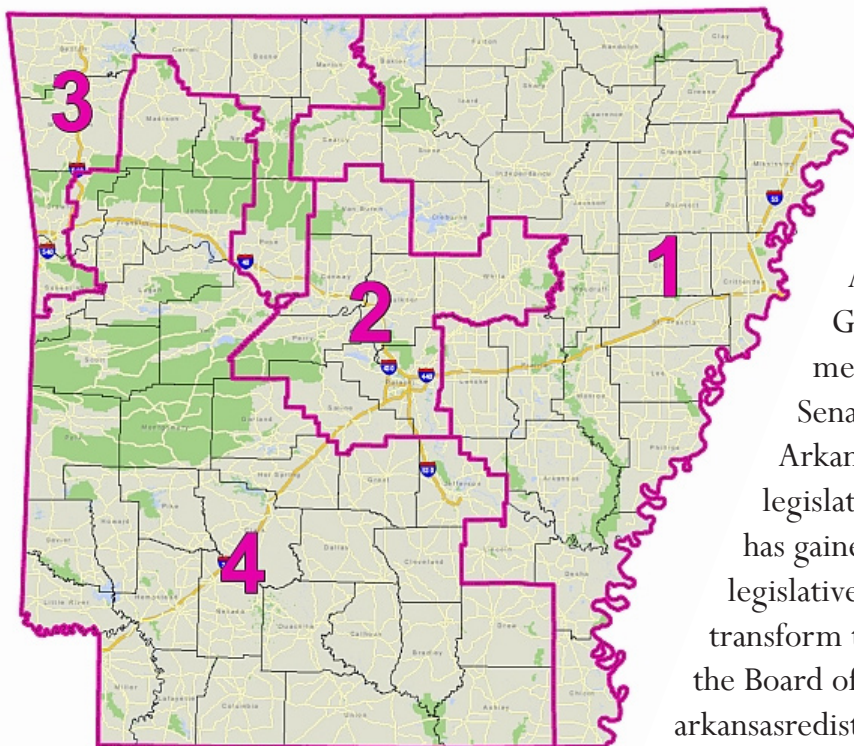
### **HB1851 – Williams – Passed, now Act 748**

Increases the maximum number of days allowable for meritorious good time from 270 to 360 days.

## Opposed

**HB1797 – King – Passed the House, failed in Senate committee.** To require voters to show a state-issued ID in order to cast a ballot. This measure would have curtailed voting by the elderly, low income and people of color while offering no additional benefit to a fair election system.

## Congressional Redistricting



The legislature approved a new map of Arkansas's 4 Congressional districts for the US House of Representatives in response to the 2010 census.

The Arkansas Board of Apportionment—the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State —will be meeting over the summer to redraw state Senate and House lines. In general, southeast Arkansas has lost population and will lose legislative districts, while northwest Arkansas has gained population and will pick up additional legislative seats. The results of this process could transform the face of Arkansas politics. Follow the Board of Apportionment process at [www.arkansasredistricting.org](http://www.arkansasredistricting.org)

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House	SB750	HB1851	HB1797	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Baird (R, Lowell)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Bell (R, Mena)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Benedict (R, Salem)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Carter (R, Cabot)	NV	NV	✗	0%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	NV	✓	✓	67%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	✗	✓	NV	50%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	✓	✓	100%
English (R, North Little Rock)	P	✓	✗	33%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Hall (D, Marvell)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hammer (R, Benton)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Harris (R, West Fork)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	P	✓	✗	33%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	✗	NV	✗	0%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	✗	✓	✗	33%
King (R, Berryville)	✗	P	✗	0%

## Government and Election Reform

House	SB750	HB1851	HB1797	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	✓	✗	67%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	✓	✓	100%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✗	67%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	✓	✓	✗	67%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	✓	NV	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	P	✓	✗	33%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✗	✓	✗	33%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✓	✗	67%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	P	✓	✗	33%



## Government and Election Reform

House	SB750	HB1851	HB1797	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	✓	100%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	NV	83%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✓	x	67%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Senate</b>				
Baker (R, Conway)	NV			0%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓			100%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓			100%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓			100%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓			100%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓			100%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓			100%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓			100%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	NV			0%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓			100%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓			100%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓			100%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓			100%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓			100%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓			100%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓			100%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓			100%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓			100%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓			100%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓			100%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓			100%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓			100%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓			100%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	NV			0%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓			100%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓			100%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓			100%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓			100%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓			100%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	E			E
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓			100%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓			100%

# PUBLIC HEALTH

## Priority

**Insure more low-income children by expanding the ARKids First health insurance program.**

**SB65 – J. Jeffress – Passed, now Act 771**  
Removes red tape in the ARKids First health insurance program and helps over 20,000 children currently qualified for the program to enroll and receive coverage.

## Supported

**HB1778 – Leding – Passed, now Act 770**  
The Jason Flatt Act requires suicide prevention to be included in teacher development.

**HB2167 – Allen – Passed, now Act 1230**  
Amends the membership of the Arkansas HIV/AIDS Minority Task Force.

**HB2100 – Allen – Sent to interim study**  
To create an opt-out HIV screening program.

## Tracked

**HB1315 – Lindsey – Passed, now Act 196**  
Requires health insurance companies to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

**HB1211 – Mayberry – Passed, now Act 68**  
Clarifies that children with spina bifida and Down syndrome can access services through the DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

**HB1604 – Murdock – Passed, now Act 909**  
Establishes an Adult Sickle Cell Clinic at UAMS.

**SB709 – Irvin – Failed in committee**  
To prevent state departments and agencies from implementing any part of the Federal Affordable Care Act without legislation.

**HB1053 – D. Meeks – Failed in committee**  
To exempt individuals from being required to have insurance.

**HB2138 – Allen – Sent to interim study**  
To implement health insurance exchanges at the state level.



*Students from northwest Arkansas study the legislative committees at the CFC's political process training workshop.*

## Public Health

House	SB65	HB1778	HB2167	SCORE
Allen (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	NV	x	✓	33%
Baird (R, Lowell)	x	✓	✓	67%
Baker (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Bell (R, Mena)	x	NV	✓	33%
Benedict (R, Salem)	x	✓	✓	67%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	x	✓	✓	67%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	NV	✓	NV	33%
Brown (D, Wynne)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Burris (R, Harrison)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Carter (R, Cabot)	NV	NV	NV	0%
Catlett (D, Rover)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cheatham (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	P	✓	✓	67%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	x	✓	✓	67%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	x	—	✓	50%
Dale (R, Dover)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	x	✓	✓	67%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	✓	✓	✓	100%
English (R, North Little Rock)	x	✓	✓	67%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	P	✓	✓	67%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	x	✓	✓	67%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	x	✓	✓	67%
Gillam (R, Judsonia)	NV	✓	✓	67%
Hall (D, Marvell)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hammer (R, Benton)	x	✓	✓	67%
Harris (R, West Fork)	P	✓	✓	67%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	x	✓	✓	67%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	x	✓	✓	67%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	x	✓	✓	67%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	NV	✓	✓	67%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	NV	✓	✓	67%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	x	✓	✓	67%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	NV	NV	✓	33%
King (R, Berryville)	NV	✓	NV	33%

House	SB65	HB1778	HB2167	SCORE
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lea (R, Russellville)	✓	✓	NV	67%
Leding (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lenderman (D, Brookland)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Linck (R, Flippin)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Love (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	x	✓	✓	67%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	✓	✓	✓	100%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	✓	✓	✓	100%
McLean (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	x	✓	✓	67%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	P	✓	✓	67%
Moore (D, Arkansas City)	NV	NV	NV	E
Murdock (D, Marianna)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Nickels (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	NV	67%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Patterson (D, Piggott)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Pierce (D, Sheridan)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Post (D, Ozark)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Powers (D, Hope)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rice (R, Waldron)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	x	✓	✓	67%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	✓	✓	NV	67%
Smith (D, Camden)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steel (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	✓	✓	NV	67%
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Tyler (D, Conway)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wagner (D, Manila)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Webb (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	x	✓	✓	67%



House	SB65	HB1778	HB2167	SCORE
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	✓	✓	✓	100%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Williams (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	NV	67%
Woods (R, Springdale)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Senate</b>				
Baker (R, Conway)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Elliott (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	✓	✓	✓	100%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)	✓	✓	✓	100%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Johnson (D, Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Key (R, Mountain Home)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Luker (D, Wynne)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Madison (D, Fayetteville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	✓	NV	✓	67%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Salmon (D, North Little Rock)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Teague (D, Nashville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Williams (R, Cabot)	✓	✓	✓	100%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	✓	✓	✓	100%

# OVERALL SCORES

This is a listing of legislators in the order of their overall scores.

**We would like to thank the key sponsors of bills we supported**, especially sponsors of our priority bills. These legislators have a wide variety of overall scores, but deserve special recognition for taking leadership on issues for the public interest.

## Priority bill sponsors – ††

Rep. Eddie Cheatham	Sen. Joyce Elliott
Rep. Greg Leding	Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Rep. Homer Lenderman	Sen. Jimmy Jeffress
Rep. Uvalde Lindsey	Sen. David Johnson
Rep. Robert Moore	Sen. Johnny Key
Rep. Jim Nickels	Sen. Jim Luker
Rep. Mike Patterson	Sen. Sue Madison
Rep. Bobby Pierce	Sen. Mary Anne Salmon
Rep. Kathy Webb	Sen. Larry Teague
Rep. Darrin Williams	

## Other key sponsors – †

Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Jeremy Gillam
Rep. Johnnie Roebuck

House	SCORE
Moore (D, Arkansas City) ††	E
Webb (D, Little Rock) ††	85%
Walker (D, Little Rock)	84%
Leding (D, Fayetteville) ††	82%
Love (D, Little Rock)	81%
Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia) †	77%
B. Wilkins (D, Bono)	77%
Powers (D, Hope)	76%
Smith (D, Camden)	75%
Steele (D, North Little Rock)	75%
Rogers (D, Stuttgart)	74%
Post (D, Ozark)	74%
Williams (D, Little Rock) ††	74%
Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)	73%
Allen (D, Little Rock) †	72%
Lenderman (D, Brookland) ††	72%
Baker (D, Osceola)	71%
Lovell (D, Marked Tree)	71%
Patterson (D, Piggott) ††	71%
Stewart (D, Kirby)	71%
Cheatham (D, Crossett) ††	70%
Nickels (D, N. Little Rock) ††	70%
Dickinson (D, Newport)	69%
Fielding (D, Magnolia)	69%
Murdock (D, Marianna)	69%
Overbey (D, Lamar)	69%
Thompson (D, Morrilton)	69%
Word (D, Pine Bluff)	69%
Tyler (D, Conway)	69%
Brown (D, Wynne)	68%
Ratliff (D, Imboden)	68%
H. Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)	68%
Wright (D, Forrest City)	68%
Edwards (D, Little Rock)	66%
Ingram (D, West Memphis)	66%
Lindsey (D, Fayetteville) ††	66%
Hall (D, Marvell)	66%
McCrary (D, Lonoke)	65%
Wren (D, Melbourne)	65%
Cowling (D, Foreman)	64%
Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)	62%
Catlett (D, Rover)	62%
Elliott (D, Altheimer)	62%
Pierce (D, Sheridan) ††	62%
Wardlaw (D, Hermitage)	62%
Lampkin (D, Monticello)	60%

House	SCORE
Perry (D, Jacksonville)	59%
Wagner (D, Manila)	59%
Woods (R, Springdale)	59%
Steel (D, Nashville)	59%
Gaskill (D, Paragould)	57%
Hyde (D, North Little Rock)	57%
Shepherd (R, El Dorado)	56%
McLean (D, Batesville)	56%
Vines (D, Hot Springs)	56%
Burris (R, Harrison)	54%
Summers (R, Bentonville)	54%
Biviano (R, Searcy)	50%
Hammer (R, Benton)	50%
Mayberry (R, Hensley)	50%
Carnine (R, Rogers)	49%
Linck (R, Flippin)	49%
Rice (R, Waldron)	49%
Sanders (R, Little Rock)	49%
Dale (R, Dover)	47%
Deffenbaugh (R, Van Buren)	47%
Gillam (R, Judsonia) †	47%
Harris (R, West Fork)	47%
D. Meeks (R, Conway)	47%
Altes (R, Fort Smith)	46%
Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)	46%
Jean (R, Magnolia)	46%
Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)	44%
Benedict (R, Salem)	44%
Branscum (R, Marshall)	44%
Malone (R, Fort Smith)	44%
Westerman (R, Hot Springs)	44%
Baird (R, Lowell)	43%
Clemmer (R, Benton)	43%
Garner (R, Maumelle)	43%
Hobbs (R, Rogers)	43%
Lea (R, Russellville)	43%
Collins (R, Fayetteville)	41%
Hubbard (R, Jonesboro)	41%
Kerr (R, Little Rock)	41%
Mauch (R, Bismark)	41%
S. Meeks (R, Greenbrier)	41%
Hopper (R, Lakeview)	40%
Collins-Smith (D, Pocahontas)	40%
English (R, North Little Rock)	40%
Eubanks (R, Paris)	38%
Hickerson (R, Texarkana)	38%

House	SCORE
Stubblefield (R, Branch)	38%
Slinkard (R, Gravette)	37%
Cozart (R, Hot Springs)	36%
Bell (R, Mena)	32%
Johnston (R, Rose Bud)	29%
Carter (R, Cabot)	26%
King (R, Berryville)	22%
Senate	
Johnson (D, Little Rock) ††	89%
Madison (D, Fayetteville) ††	89%
Elliott (D, Little Rock) ††	86%
Laverty (D, Jasper)	84%
Salmon (D, N. Little Rock) ††	79%
Crumbly (D, Widener)	77%
Chesterfield (D, Little Rock)	75%
Flowers (D, Pine Bluff) ††	75%
J. Jeffress (D, Crossett) ††	75%
G. Jeffress (D, Louann)	75%
Thompson (D, Paragould)	73%
Fletcher (D, Hot Springs)	71%
Harrelson (D, Texarkana)	71%
Holland (R, Greenwood)	71%
Irvin (R, Mountain View)	71%
Key (R, Mountain Home) ††	71%
Wyatt (D, Batesville)	71%
Bledsoe (R, Rogers)	70%
Bookout (D, Jonesboro)	70%
Malone (D, Arkadelphia)	70%
Burnett (D, Osceola)	68%
Luker (D, Wynne) ††	68%
Hendren (R, Gravette)	66%
Williams (R, Cabot)	66%
Whitaker (R, Cedarville)	65%
Files (R, Fort Smith)	64%
Hutchinson (R, Little Rock)	64%
Lamoureux (R, Russellville)	64%
Pritchard (R, Elkins)	64%
Baker (R, Conway)	63%
Sample (R, Hot Springs)	63%
Teague (D, Nashville) ††	63%
Dismang (R, Beebe)	61%
Rapert (R, Bigelow)	61%
Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)	61%

# HOW THE CONGRESS AGENDA IS SELECTED

The CFC has seven issue caucuses that meet between legislative sessions to discuss issues and build agendas on Agriculture, Civil Rights, Economic Justice, Education Reform, the Environment, Government and Election Reform, and Public Health. There are also four regional caucuses made up of representatives from each community group within that region. In 2009 we added a youth caucus.

Delegates from CFC member groups attend a convention before each legislative session where they present issues they want the Congress to endorse. These issues are considered, discussed and debated. Delegates then elect a broad platform of issues to support and a priority platform of Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas for the upcoming session. See photos from the 2010 convention at [www.citizensfirst.org](http://www.citizensfirst.org).



*After months of meetings around the state, delegates from CFC member organizations spent two days and nights finalizing the 2011 Legislative Platform. The June conference launches the last lap of campaign development before the Arkansas General Assembly convenes in January.*

## Citizens First Congress Steering Committee

Co-Chairs, Kate Althoff and Kenneth Anderson

Rafael Arciga-Garcia

Daniel Diaz

Bruce Lockett

Mark Robertson

John Austin

Debbie Doss

Robert McAfee

Randi Romo

Horace Charles

William El-Amin

Earnest Nash

Samantha Thomas

Rick Collins

Melissa Kordsmeier

Onie Norman

Regina VonTungeln

Rita Conley

Sharen Lightsey

Eric Reece

Kathy Wesho-Bauer



# 2010-2011 CITIZENS FIRST CONGRESS

## MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families	Inmate Justice Project
Arkansas Canoe Club	Living Affected Corp.
Arkansas Commission on Child Abuse, Rape and Domestic Violence	LULAC Council #761
Arkansas Conservation Coalition	McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center, Inc.
Arkansas Design Work Group	National Center for Appropriate Technology
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance	Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center
Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice	OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology
Arkansas Justice for our Neighbors	Parkdale Citizens in Action
Arkansas People First	Pew Environment Group
Arkansas Renewable Energy Association	Phi Iota Alpha
Arkansas Wildlife Federation	Pine Bluff Citizens In Action
Audubon Arkansas	Planned Parenthood of Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma, Inc.
Boys Girls and Adults CDC	Sierra Club, Central Arkansas Group
Camden Community Association	Sierra Club, Ozark Headwaters Group
Center for Artistic Revolution	South Arkansas Education Coalition
Citizens Against Resource Exploitation	South Arkansas Youth Council
Concerned Citizens of the Marvell Area	Southwest Arkansas Good Government Commission
Delta Citizens Alliance	St. Francis County CDC
Desha County Grassroots Coalition	Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Arkansas
Drew County NAACP	Strong Community Leadership Alliance
El Dorado Community Group	US Green Building Council, Arkansas Ch.
First Presbyterian Church	White River Environmental Protection Assn.
Future Builders, Inc.	Wilmot Concerned Citizens
Gould Citizens Advisory Council	Women's Action for New Directions
Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas	





# ARKANSAS CITIZENS FIRST CONGRESS

## TEN PRIORITIES FOR A BETTER ARKANSAS

- Improve opportunities to learn for all students by implementing proven solutions to close education achievement gaps.
- Support fair tax reform that lowers the burden on low- and middle-income families, while protecting the integrity of the state budget.
- Implement energy policies to save consumers money, create jobs and combat climate change.
- Develop a new state water plan that uses the best science and engages a broad range of Arkansans.
- Oppose all attempts at state-level immigration reform and oppose punitive anti-immigrant legislation.
- Ensure that all Arkansas high-school graduates have the opportunity to pay in-state tuition at state colleges by passing the DREAM Act.
- Require the oil and gas industry to follow best management practices to protect landowner rights and Arkansas's water resources.
- Discourage wage theft by increasing penalties for any employer who refuses to pay workers.
- Reform prison sentencing practices to make the parole process unbiased, reduce costs and restore former inmates back into productive society.
- Insure 43,000 more low-income children by expanding the ARKids First health insurance program.

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