

2024

LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

The ACLU of Indiana works hard to keep Hoosiers informed on key issues at the Statehouse and legislative votes on civil liberties. We constantly seek ways to hold politicians accountable to protecting your rights and supporting public policy that creates a more just and equitable state for all Hoosiers.

Within the 45 days of the 2024 legislative session, we tracked a variety of bills that would have advanced or threatened civil liberties in our state. We the People can use this information to hold our elected officials accountable. A number of key civil liberty issues arose this session and we fought with our activists to ensure the protection of Hoosiers' rights at every turn.

As you know, direct communication with your elected officials is a valuable way to encourage them to stand up for freedom and protect civil liberties. We encourage you to use this scorecard to give your legislators feedback on their votes in the 2024 legislative session and their stances on the issues impacting your rights and freedom.

ABOUT THIS SCORECARD

HOW WE CHOSE THE SCORED BILLS

We make sure legislators know the ACLU's position on important civil liberties issues prior to voting. We then select a range of key civil liberties votes by the full House or Senate to include in our scorecard. The following votes cover a range of issues facing Hoosiers today.

PURPOSE OF THE SCORECARD

The purpose of this scorecard is to inform our supporters and the public of where their legislators stand on civil liberties issues. Legislators may promise many things while running for office, but there is no substitute for an actual vote. The scorecard is in no way meant to be construed as an endorsement of legislators who score well, or a statement of opposition against those who do not.

ADDITIONAL NOTE

The life cycle of any given bill may have several rounds of votes. The most recent vote is recorded in this scorecard and represents how each state senator and state representative last voted. And because defeated bills might not have received a vote in both the House and Senate, some bills are only scored from one chamber. To research all legislative votes on a bill, visit iga.in.gov and search for legislation by its bill number.

Additionally, there were several bills we opposed that passed with near unanimous support. For example, SB 17 (Online Age Verification) passed 92-2 in the House and 46-2 in the Senate. The final version of HB 1002 (Free Speech on College Campuses) passed 99-0 in the House and 45-1 in the Senate. Lastly, HB 1183 (Foreign Ownership of Land) passed 92-1 in the House and 47-0 in the Senate.

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SB 50: CHAPLAINS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SB 50 would have allowed public and charter schools to install school chaplains, undermining the First Amendment. The bill also did not require chaplains to obtain the same educational degrees and professional certifications that school counseling staff and other school staff must obtain. Thankfully, the bill only passed the Senate before dying in the House.

ACLU OPPOSED

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HB 1264: VOTING RESTRICTIONS *SIGNED INTO LAW*

HB 1264 is a voter suppression law disguised as an “election security” law. The new law will require the state of Indiana to rely on potentially outdated and inaccurate data to cross-check voters’ addresses, which will likely lead to unjust purges of the voter rolls. HB 1264 also adds new, unnecessary obstacles for first time voters in Indiana.

ACLU OPPOSED

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SB 128: HUMAN SEXUALITY INSTRUCTION

SB 128 used a broad, undefined term, “human sexuality,” to censor what teachers can and cannot discuss. We know that this language has been used in recent years to censor conversations about the LGBTQ community. Luckily, SB 128 only received a vote in the Senate before it died in the House.

ACLU OPPOSED

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HB 1238: COMPETENCY EVALUATION *SIGNED INTO LAW*

HB 1238 streamlines the process for a psychiatrist or psychologist to examine a defendant, testify on their capability to understand the criminal proceeding, and assist with preparation of the defense. It also allows a court to dismiss certain charges if the defendant has a certain diagnosis, such as Alzheimer’s or dementia.

ACLU SUPPORTED

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HB 1162: HUMANITARIAN PAROLE LICENSES *SIGNED INTO LAW*

HB 1162 repeals a 2022 Indiana law that granted Ukrainians living in Indiana on humanitarian parole access to IDs and driver’s licenses. This new law seeks to directly nullify a recent ACLU of Indiana legal victory that granted *all people* living in Indiana under humanitarian parole the ability to access IDs and driver’s licenses.

ACLU OPPOSED

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HB 1053: TEST STRIPS

HB 1053 would have decriminalized the use of life-saving fentanyl test strips, which is currently classified as a misdemeanor in Indiana code. Unfortunately, the bill only passed the House and eventually failed to get a vote in the Senate.

ACLU SUPPORTED

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1 SB 50: Chaplains in Public Schools (Senate Only)

2 HB 1264: Voting Restrictions

3 SB 128: Human Sexuality Instruction (Senate Only)

4 HB 1238: Competency Evaluation

5 HB 1162: Humanitarian Parole Licenses (Post Conference Committee Vote)

6 HB 1053: Test Strips (House Only)

SENATE

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R Alexander, Scott				🕯	
R Alting, Ron		🕯	A	🕯	A
R Baldwin, Scott				🕯	
R Bassler, Eric	🕯	🕯		🕯	🕯
R Becker, Vaneta	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯
R Bohacek, Mike				🕯	🕯
R Bray, Rodric				🕯	
D Breaux, Jean	A	A	A	A	A
R Brown, Liz				🕯	
R Buchanan, Brian				🕯	
R Buck, Jim				🕯	
R Busch, Justin				🕯	🕯
R Byrne, Gary					🕯
R Carrasco, Cyndi				🕯	🕯
R Charbonneau, Ed				🕯	
R Crane, John				🕯	
R Crider, Michael				🕯	
R Deery, Spencer				🕯	
R Dernulc, Dan	🕯			🕯	🕯
R Donato, Stacey				🕯	
R Doriot, Blake				🕯	
D Ford, J.D.	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯
R Freeman, Aaron					🕯
R Garten, Chris				🕯	
R Gaskill, Mike				🕯	
R Glick, Sue	🕯			🕯	
R Goode, Greg				🕯	🕯
R Holdman, Travis				🕯	
D Hunley, Andrea	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯

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R Johnson, Tyler					🕯
R Koch, Eric				🕯	🕯
R Leising, Jean				🕯	
R Maxwell, Randy				🕯	🕯
R Messmer, Mark				🕯	
R Mishler, Ryan				🕯	
R Niemeyer, Rick				🕯	A
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D Randolph, Lonnie	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯	🕯
R Rogers, Linda				🕯	
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R Aylesworth, Mike		👍		👍	D Hatfield, Ryan	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Patterson, Lindsay		👍		👍
R Baird, Beau		👍		👍	R Heaton, Bob		👍		👍	R Payne, Zach		👍		👍
R Barrett, Brad		👍		👍	R Heine, Dave	A	👍		👍	D Pfaff, Tonya	👍	👍	👍	👍
R Bartels, Stephen		👍		👍	R Hostettler, Matt	A	👍		A	R Pierce, Kyle		👍		👍
D Bartlett, John	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Huston, Todd		A	A	A	D Pierce, Matt	👍	👍	👍	👍
D Bauer, Maureen	👍	👍	👍	👍	D Jackson, Carolyn	👍	👍	👍	👍	D Porter, Gregory	👍	👍	👍	👍
R Behning, Bob		👍		👍	R Jeter, Chris		👍		👍	R Prescott, J.D.		👍	A	
R Borders, Bruce		👍		👍	D Johnson, Blake	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Pressel, Jim		👍		👍
D Boy, Pat	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Jordan, Jack		👍		👍	D Pryor, Cherrish	👍	👍	👍	👍
D Campbell, Chris	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Judy, Christopher		👍		👍	R Rowray, Elizabeth		👍		👍
R Carbaugh, Martin		👍		👍	R Karickhoff, Michael		👍		A	R Schaibley, Donna		👍		👍
R Cash, Becky		👍		👍	R King, Joanna		👍		👍	D Shackelford, Robin	👍	👍		👍
R Cherry, Bob		👍		👍	D Klinker, Sheila	👍	👍		👍	R Slager, Harold		👍		👍
R Clere, Ed		👍	👍	👍	R Lauer, Ryan		👍		👍	R Smaltz, Ben		👍		👍
R Criswell, Cory		👍		👍	R Ledbetter, Cindy		A		👍	D Smith, Vernon	👍	👍	👍	👍
R Culp, Kendell		👍		👍	R Lehman, Matt		👍		👍	R Snow, Craig		👍		👍
R Davis, Michelle		👍		👍	R Lindauer, Shane		A		👍	R Soliday, Ed		👍		👍
D DeLaney, Ed	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Lucas, Jim		👍		👍	R Speedy, Mike		👍		👍
R DeVon, Dale		👍		👍	R Lyness, Randy		👍		👍	R Steuerwald, Gregory		👍		👍
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R Engleman, Karen		👍		👍	R May, Chris		👍		👍	R Sweet, Lorissa		👍		👍
D Errington, Sue	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Mayfield, Peggy		👍		A	R Teshka, Jake		👍		👍
D Fleming, Rita	👍	👍	👍	👍	R McGuire, Julie		👍		👍	R Thompson, Jeffrey		👍		👍
D Garcia Wilburn, Victoria	👍	👍	👍	👍	R McNamara, Wendy		👍		A	R Torr, Jerry		👍		A
R Genda, Mark		👍		👍	R Meltzer, Jennifer		👍		👍	R VanNatter, Heath		👍		👍
D GiaQuinta, Phil	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Miller, Doug		👍		👍	R Wesco, Timothy		👍		👍
R Goodrich, Chuck		👍		👍	D Miller, Kyle	👍	👍	👍	👍	R Zent, Denny		👍		A
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R Goss-Reaves, Lori		👍		👍	R Morris, Bob		👍		👍					
R Greene, Robb		👍		👍	R Morrison, Alan		👍		👍					
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R Hall, Dave		👍		👍	R Negele, Sharon		👍		👍					
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