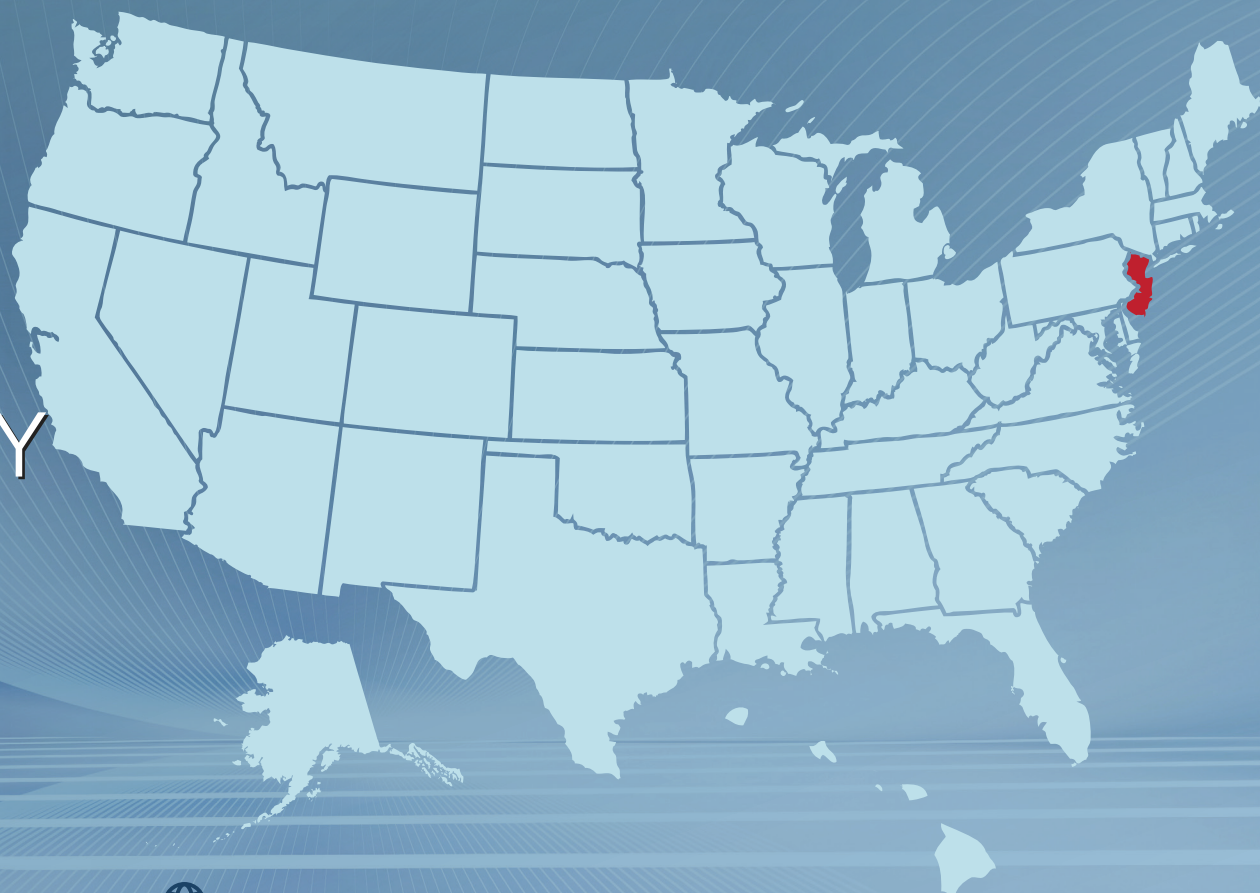




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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Conservative,

The American Conservative Union Foundation is proud to present our ratings of the 2018 meeting of the New Jersey Legislature. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, which date back 47 years, our state ratings are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy i.e., conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person, and then apply our understanding of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

Because our ratings are designed to educate the public about how consistently elected officials adhere to conservatism, we carefully examine the entire docket of legislation introduced in each state every year. We select the most meaningful bills and publish the results after the dust has settled. ACUF state ratings—launched in 2011 with ratings for five states—have become a nationally recognized resource for evaluating over 8,000 elected officials comprising each of America's 99 state legislative chambers.

Each election cycle, citizens choose leaders whose vision for the state most closely matches their own, hoping that candidates' promises will be kept. ACUF's ratings measure whether those promises were fulfilled or forsaken. With nearly a decade of data on state legislators' voting records and average scores for every legislative chamber, citizens in every state can assess how effectively their lawmakers have applied conservative philosophy to the role of government.

We at ACUF believe, as Ronald Reagan once said, that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We hope that by providing this unique tool, these ratings will empower Americans to exercise their right to protect our unique American democracy from tyranny.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman
American Conservative Union Foundation



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SELECTING THE VOTES

ACU researched and selected a range of bills before the New Jersey Legislature that determine a member's adherence to conservative principles. We selected bills that focus on Ronald Reagan's philosophy of the "three-legged stool": **1) fiscal and economic:** taxes, budgets, regulation, spending, healthcare, and property; **2) social and cultural:** 2nd amendment, religion, life, welfare, and education; and **3) government integrity:** voting, individual liberty, privacy, and transparency. This wide range of issues are designed to give citizens an accurate assessment that conveys which of New Jersey's elected leaders best defend the principles of a free society: Life, Liberty and Property.

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2018 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

SENATE

DOHERTY

ASSEMBLY

AUTH

CARROLL

SPACE

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

SENATE

PENNACCHIO

ASSEMBLY

BUCCO

MCGUCKIN

WEBBER

DIMAIO

PETERSON

GOVE

RUMPF

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

SENATE

Beach

Ruiz

Codey

Sarlo

Cruz-Perez

Scutari

Cryan

Singleton

Cunningham

Smith

Diegnan

Stack

Gill

Sweeney

Greenstein

Turner

Madden

Vitale

Pou

Weinberg

Rice

ASSEMBLY

Armato

Danielsen

Jones

Moriarty

Speight

Benson

Deangelo

Karabinchak

Mosquera

Sumter

Burzichelli

Egan

Kennedy

Mukherji

Taliaferro

Calabrese

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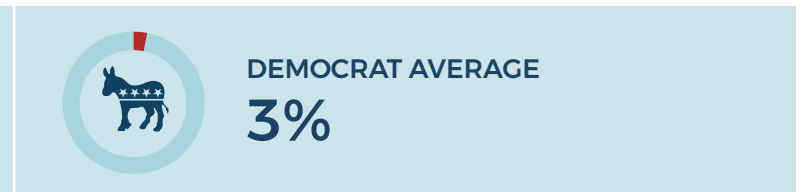
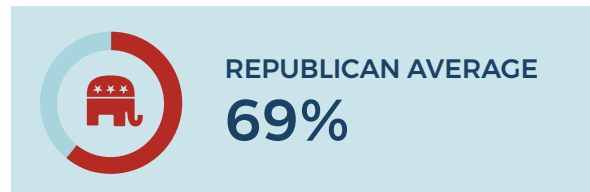
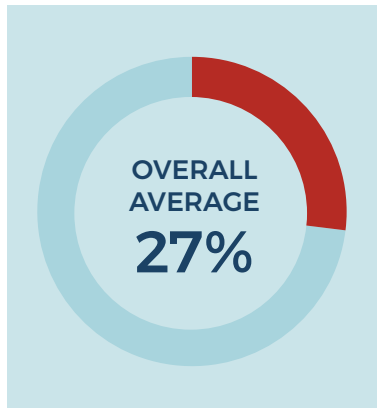
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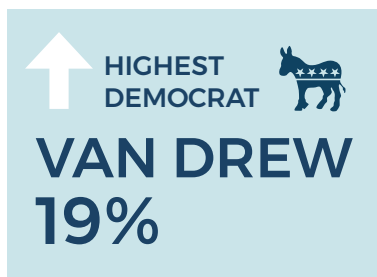
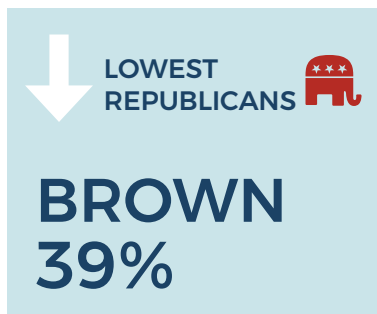
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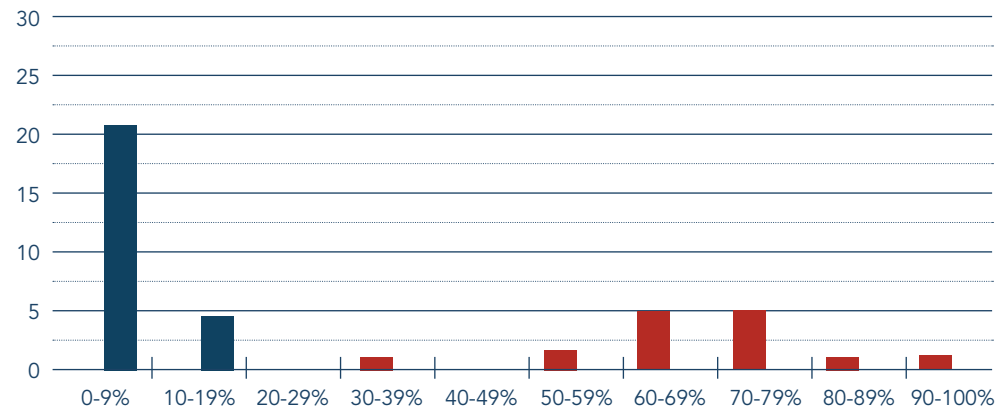
NEW JERSEY SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 RED = REPUBLICANS

 BLUE = DEMOCRATS



OF STATE SENATORS



2018 ACUF PERCENTAGE



NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **S 598 Requiring New Jersey to Join the U.S. Climate Alliance.** This bill commits the state to the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition formed in response to President Trump's action to protect American independence by withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord. The bill requires the state to uphold that accord and cedes lawmaking authority to the Climate Alliance by forcing the state to abide by the goals established by the alliance. ACU believes it is absurd for the state to cede lawmaking authority to an unaccountable nonprofit and has long opposed the Paris Climate Accord (especially considering every participating European country has failed to comply with the accord's anti-growth mandates) and opposes this political stunt to weaken the efforts of the Trump administration to defend America's independence and reduce energy prices and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 1, 2018 by a vote of 26-12.

2. **S 120 Restoring Funding for Planned Parenthood and Other Abortion Providers.** This bill restores taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers which had been suspended during the Christie administration. Specifically, the bill appropriates \$7.5 million for family planning services in the fiscal year 2018 budget. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, opposes taxpayer funding for any clinic which takes the lives of the unborn and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 1, 2018 by a vote of 29-10.

3. **S 559 Prohibiting Employers from Inquiring about Salary History.** This bill prohibits employers from inquiring about a prospective employee's prior salary history or determining whether to interview an applicant based on past compensation. ACU opposes this government interference in the hiring process and believes salary history is a legitimate line of inquiry, especially considering it is required for federal government positions, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 28-10.

4. **A 839 Prohibiting Offshore Drilling.** This bill is designed to hinder oil and gas production in federal waters and will result in higher energy costs for all Americans. Under the bill, the state Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies are prohibited from leasing or conveying any portion of state coastal lands if the action would result in an increase in oil or natural gas production in federal waters. Furthermore, the bill bolsters the prohibition of drilling in state coastal lands. ACU supports all sources of energy and opposes this attack on the Trump administration's efforts to reduce energy costs and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 37-0.

5. **S 104 Subjecting Businesses to Costly Litigation.** This bill subjects employers to costly litigation by making it categorically illegal to pay or compensate someone who is in a "protected class" less than others who are not if the workers perform "substantially similar" work. The bill forces employers to prove that differences in pay are based on experience and education, and provides employees the right to sue and recover triple damages for up to six years in which they were allegedly paid lower wages. Furthermore, the bill imposes new, unnecessary wage reporting requirements on companies which contract with the state, as well as prevents employers and employees from signing nondisclosure agreements regarding salary. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace, but we oppose measures which provide an incentive in the legal system to extort small businesses with frivolous litigation and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 35-0.

6. **A 3380 Preserving Obamacare by Reimposing the Individual Mandate and Penalty.** This bill reimposes a key provision of Obamacare, the individual mandate, which forces all individuals to purchase government-approved health insurance or pay a penalty. The individual mandate was repealed by Congress and the Trump administration, and this bill reestablishes the mandate with penalties for noncompliance starting at nearly \$700 for adults and \$350 for children. Additionally, the bill requires that only policies which cover "minimum essential benefits," as mandated by Obamacare, count as health care and protect people from the penalty. ACU has long opposed Obamacare and its individual mandate, which have led to skyrocketing health costs and prevented individuals from obtaining more affordable health insurance by choosing the plan that best suits their needs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 22-13.



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7. **A 3723 Raising Energy Costs by Increasing “Renewable” Energy Mandates.** This bill implements numerous new mandates and regulations concerning “renewable” energy which will drive up energy costs. Under the bill, the state’s Renewable Portfolio standard is increased, forcing the state to obtain at least 50 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. The bill also increases subsidies to the renewable energy sector through the expansion of net metering, energy storage, and tax credits for wind energy. Finally, the bill imposes new energy efficiency regulations on commercial buildings. ACU opposes energy mandates which drive up energy costs for everyone, supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 29-8.
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8. **A 3686 Providing Union Bosses Unprecedented New Powers to Harass Employees.** This bill provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership. Under the bill, union bosses have the right to meet with newly hired government employees for up to two hours (on the taxpayer dime) and the right to obtain a wide range of employees’ personal contact information, including home addresses, work and personal emails, and work, home and cellphone numbers. Additionally, union bosses are entitled to receive updated personal contact information every 120 days, and any communication is exempted from public record disclosure requirements. Furthermore, union bosses are granted the right to use government property, including buildings and email systems, to communicate with members. Finally, the bill significantly increases the difficulty for employees to revoke their union membership, and declares unlawful any attempt by a public employer to discourage union membership. ACU is aware of the rampant abuse associated with this type of scheme and believes it is absurd to provide these powers and taxpayer-funded privileges, opposes enriching greedy union bosses and harassing employees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 26-9.
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9. **A 3010 Creating Greater Dependence on Government by Expanding Welfare Eligibility.** This bill expands taxpayer-funded welfare benefits to additional recipients without regard to their financial need. Under the bill, anyone can receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits if they are eligible for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits. This bill arbitrarily grows LIHEAP to ratchet up additional payments under SNAP. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become more self-sufficient and opposes this scheme to shift the burden of expanding government dependency to federal taxpayers throughout the country and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 34-2.
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10. **A 1827 Forcing All Employers to Provide Paid Leave.** This bill reduces employment opportunities by forcing all employers to provide paid leave to employees at a rate of one hour per 30 hours worked, regardless of the industry or number of employees. Any number of reasons qualify for paid leave, including illnesses of employees and their relatives. Furthermore, the bill mandates that this new benefit is in addition to all other existing benefits and employers cannot reduce any other form of employee compensation to offset the mandated benefits. ACU believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 24-12.
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11. **A 2014 Implementing Automatic Voter Registration.** This bill completely flips the voter registration process at voter registration agencies by automatically registering an individual to vote and requiring them to opt out. ACU opposes this measure which weakens ballot integrity and makes it easier to commit vote fraud, which suppresses legal votes, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 24-13.
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12. **A 3267 Imposing Fees on Carryout Bags.** This bill forces all large businesses or stores which offer carryout bags to customers to charge a 5 cent fee for each bag. However, recipients of state welfare and senior citizens are exempt from the fee. ACU opposes this effort to increase the cost of groceries, believes government should not limit individuals’ choices in how they take their groceries home and opposes this fee that is in addition to the state’s other sales taxes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 1, 2018 by a vote of 23-16.
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- 13. A 2757 Obstructing Second Amendment Rights through an Unnecessary Barrier to Purchase a Firearm.** This bill obstructs Second Amendment rights by placing an unnecessary burden on private firearm purchasers and sellers. Prior to this bill, those seeking to purchase a firearm from a private seller (e.g., two neighbors or two friends) were required to receive a special ID card and undergo fingerprinting, background checks and mental health evaluations. Under the bill, sellers must hire a licensed dealer to broker the transaction and conduct a National Background Check in addition to the previously-enacted checks. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposes this duplicative measure which drives up costs and makes it more difficult for individuals to lawfully purchase firearms and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 31-3.
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- 14. A 1217 Seizing Firearms without Due Process.** This bill allows certain individuals to submit an ex parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an "Extreme Risk Protection Order" which requires the temporary seizure of all firearms held by the accused if they are considered a danger to themselves or others simply due to their possession of a firearm. Under the bill, any family member, any current or former household member or former roommate may submit the petition. Furthermore, the bill requires very low standards of evidence (good cause and preponderance of evidence) for a court to issue a temporary or final extreme risk protection order, the latter of which revokes the Second Amendment rights of the accused for an entire year. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the seizure of any property, including firearms, without due process and on the basis of unchallenged accusations, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 32-5.
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- 15. A 2758 Restricting Second Amendment Rights unless Citizens Prove "Specific Threats."** This bill restricts Second Amendment rights unless citizens prove "specific threats" against them. The bill rolls back a reform implemented during the Christie administration which slightly eased the process to lawfully obtain a handgun under the state's draconian gun control. Under previous law, individuals could only obtain permits for handguns if they demonstrated a "justifiable need," including "serious threat." This bill imposes an even greater restriction by requiring evidence of a "specific threat." ACU believes this legislation sets a dangerous precedent by requiring citizens to earn their constitutional rights, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 24-13.

- 16. A 2761 Banning Ammunition Magazines with Capacities Greater than 10 Rounds.** This bill is another step toward eliminating Second Amendment rights by expanding the ban of ammunition magazines to those with capacities of 10 rounds (previously 15). Individuals who already own magazines which hold up to 10 rounds of ammunition are required to permanently modify the device or surrender it to authorities within 180 days. Those who possess a firearm with an unmodifiable fixed magazine are required to register the firearm with the state. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 23-13.
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- 17. S 490 Repealing a Cap Placed on Family Welfare Benefits.** This bill encourages greater dependence on government by increasing the cash welfare benefits to households as the result of the birth of a child. Previous law set a "family cap" on welfare benefits unless a child is born within 10 months after applying for benefits or the pregnancy results from rape or incest. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become more self-sufficient, opposes efforts to expand dependence on government which leads to intergenerational poverty and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 26-14.
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- 18. S 2 Redistributing School Aid and Imposing New Taxes.** This bill is designed to pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered "underfunded." Additionally, any municipality whose school loses aid and "underspends" is forced under the bill to increase local taxes. ACU opposes this scheme to increase spending and raise taxes and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 25-13.
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- 19. A 4132 Imposing a New Tax on Vaping.** This bill imposes a new tax, in addition to existing taxes, on liquid nicotine which is used in vaping devices and e-cigarettes. The tax rate is set at 10 cents per fluid milliliter. ACU opposes all "sin taxes" which disproportionately harm certain groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 22-13.



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- 20. A 2041 Placing Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Issuing Bonds for Select Companies.** This bill interferes in the marketplace and places taxpayer funds at risk by establishing a new program that permits localities to issue bonds for redevelopment. Specifically, the bonds fund the redevelopment projects of select companies favored by government. ACU does not believe government should compete with the private lending industry, opposes placing taxpayer funds at risk in the event of default, opposes providing competitive advantages to select companies favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2018 by a vote of 28-11.
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- 21. A 3861 Providing Union Members Unemployment Benefits while Striking.** This bill provides unemployment benefits to union workers who go on strike. Under the bill, strikers are eligible for benefits after 30 days' striking. Additionally, the bill imposes a \$750 penalty per week per each striking employee if an employer hires a replacement worker. ACU believes unemployment benefits should be reserved for those who are involuntarily and temporarily unemployed and opposes holding companies hostage to the demands of union bosses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2018 by a vote of 23-14.
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- 22. A 4163 Permitting Jersey City to Impose a New Payroll Tax.** This bill reduces employment opportunities and places further burdens on taxpayers by permitting Jersey City to impose an employee payroll tax in addition to the state's countless other imposed taxes. This employer payroll tax, in conjunction with S 2, is a scheme to extract additional funding from communities and direct them to school districts. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this new payroll tax which reduces employment opportunities and imposes unnecessary burdens on taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 25, 2018 by a vote of 22-17.
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- 23. A 3088 Increasing the Top Marginal Tax Rate by 20 Percent.** This bill discourages economic growth and innovation by increasing the marginal gross income tax rate on income above \$5 million from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent and mandates employers withhold 15.6 percent of income over \$5 million. Additionally, the bill imposes and additional 17 percent tax on "investment management services income." Finally, the bill encourages dependence on government by increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which awards cash subsidies to those whose incomes exceed qualifications for other welfare programs. ACU opposes efforts to discourage innovation and siphon even more resources out of the private sector to fund wasteful and out-of-control government spending and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 24-15.
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- 24. A 4061 Imposing New Taxes on Ridesharing and Motor Vehicle Violations.** This bill further drives up the state's ballooning transportation costs by imposing a new tax on rides through transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft. Under the bill, a 50 cent fee is imposed on each ride, as well as a 25 cent fee for each additional rider. Furthermore, the bill imposes a tax ranging between \$1 and \$3 on traffic and motor vehicle violations. ACU opposes these new taxes, especially considering the state already has one of the highest gas taxes in the country, and we find it absurd that Governor Murphy vetoed the bill for its failure to impose even more burdensome taxes and fees and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 21-18.
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- 25. A 4202 Raising Business Tax Burdens through Increased Rates and Reduced Deductions.** This bill harms business growth and reduces employment opportunities by making numerous changes to the corporate business tax, resulting in higher taxation of businesses. Under the bill, a 2.5 percent tax surcharge is imposed on corporations with incomes above \$1 million. Additionally, the bill subjects more dividend income to taxation and uncouples a portion of the state tax code from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which will result in higher tax liabilities. ACU opposes this anti-growth, "soak the rich" tax increase to pay for increased spending which results in the highest corporate tax rate in the country and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 23-15.
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26. A 3754 Mandating a License to Braid Hair. This vote forces hair braiders to become licensed in the state by concurring with the governor's conditional veto of the bill. Prior to the governor's veto, the original bill (which ACU supported) exempted hair braiders from the licensing requirement. Under the conditional veto, aspiring hair braiders must complete up to 50 hours of coursework and only those who have been licensed for three or more years may operate their own shops. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing which is primarily designed to reduce competition, believes it is absurd that the governor thinks an individual must be licensed to braid hair and opposed this concurrence vote. The Senate concurred with the governor's conditional veto on September 27, 2018 by a vote of 23-13.

27. A 2164 Providing Subsidies to Stores which Sell Government-Favored Foods. This bill interferes in the marketplace by providing cash grants to "small food retailers" in the state which sell food government deems "healthy." Under the new program, taxpayers provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations which will in turn select retailers in certain areas of the state to receive \$5,000 to renovate their shelving space to offer healthy foods and fresh produce. ACU opposes social engineering of personal dietary choices and this government interference which promotes cronyism and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 29, 2018 by a vote of 38-1.

28. S 2557 Providing Excessive Authority to Enforce the Prevailing Wage. This bill provides the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development (an office currently held by a former union boss) excessive and outrageous authority to enforce the state's prevailing wage law. The prevailing wage, which is based on the Depression-era Davis-Bacon Act, unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs by requiring those who contract with the state to pay their workers above-market wages. Under the bill, the commissioner is provided Kafkaesque authority to enter any worksite or place of business unannounced, interview employees, take testimony under oath, examine payroll and subpoena documents. If an employer or employee fails to comply, they are guilty of a disorderly persons offense and subject to a \$1,000 fine and imprisonment up to 90 days. Furthermore, the commissioner is given authority to bypass the attorney general and issue a stop-work order at any site where the commissioner believes a violation of the prevailing wage may occur. ACU has long opposed the prevailing wage and opposes this ludicrous expansion of power and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 17, 2018 by a vote of 38-1.

29. A 1220 Mandating Licensing for Drama and Dance Therapists. This bill limits competition and drives up costs for everyone seeking these therapies by creating a new bureaucracy, the Drama and Dance Movement Therapy Advisory Committee, to administer the granting of licenses to drama and dance movement therapists. Under the bill, aspiring therapists must obtain masters' degrees in drama therapy, complete supervised paid clinical experience, complete exams and pay "appropriate fees" determined by unelected bureaucrats of the licensing board. ACU opposes the proliferation of licenses that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 17, 2018 by a vote of 37-2.



NEW JERSEY SENATE SCORES

NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	S 598	S 120	S 559	A 839	S 104	A 3380	A 3723	A 3686	A 3010	A 1827	A 2014	A 3267	A 2757	A 1217	A 2758	A 2761	S 490	S 2	A 4132	A 2041	A 3861	A 4163	A 3088	A 4061	A 4202	A 3754	A 2164	S 2557	A 1220	ACU Votes	Votes Cast	2018 %	2017 %	LIFETIME AVG
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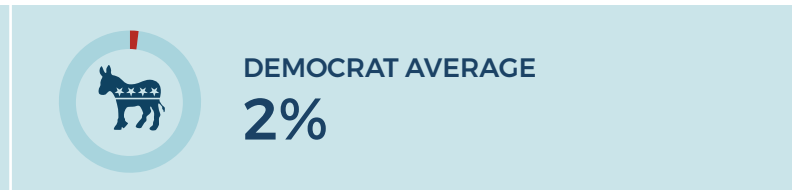
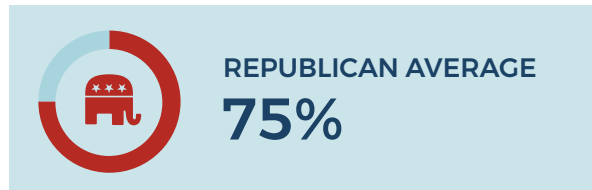
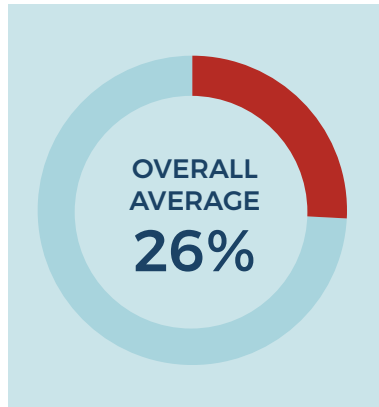
NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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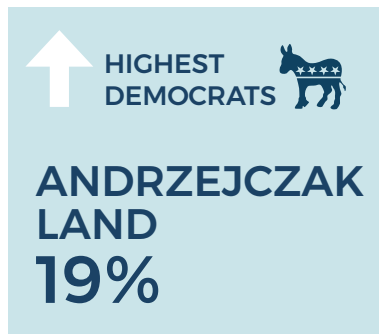
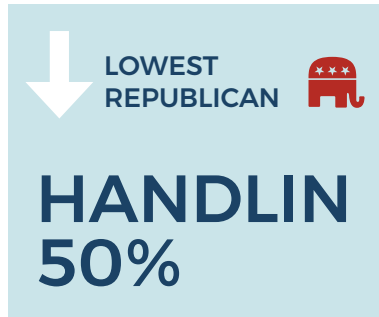
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NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY STATISTICS

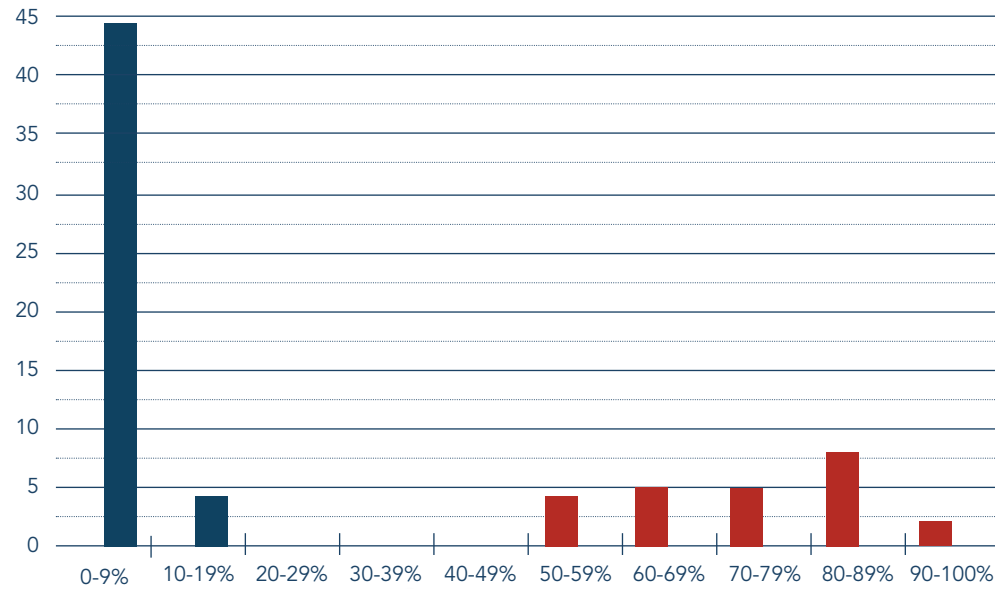


NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

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NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **S 120 Restoring Funding for Planned Parenthood and Other Abortion Providers.** This bill restores taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers which had been suspended during the Christie administration. Specifically, the bill appropriates \$7.5 million for family planning services in the fiscal year 2018 budget. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice, opposes taxpayer funding for any clinic which takes the lives of the unborn and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 47-20.

2. **S 598 Requiring New Jersey to Join the U.S. Climate Alliance.** This bill commits the state to the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition formed in response to President Trump's action to protect American independence by withdrawing the U.S. from the Paris Climate Accord. The bill requires the state to uphold that accord and cedes lawmaking authority to the Climate Alliance by forcing the state to abide by the goals established by the alliance. ACU believes it is absurd for the state to cede lawmaking authority to an unaccountable nonprofit and has long opposed the Paris Climate Accord (especially considering every participating European country has failed to comply with the accord's anti-growth mandates) and opposes this political stunt to weaken the efforts of the Trump administration to defend America's independence and reduce energy prices and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 49-23.

3. **A 1212 Increasing Energy Costs by Rejoining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.** This bill drives up energy costs by forcing the state to rejoin the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), from which the Christie administration withdrew the state. The RGGI is a cap and trade program which assesses fees on the carbon dioxide emissions of energy producers and whose costs are ultimately borne by electric ratepayers. The bill directs the fees to a newly created Global Warming Solutions Fund, which expands government cronyism through its grants and financial assistance directives. ACU opposes increasing energy costs for millions of families and believes it is outrageous to finance special interest initiatives with the RGGI funds as opposed to providing ratepayers relief and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 15, 2018 by a vote of 48-24.

4. **A 2757 Obstructing Second Amendment Rights through an Unnecessary Barrier to Purchase a Firearm.** This bill obstructs Second Amendment rights by placing an unnecessary burden on private firearm purchasers and sellers. Prior to this bill, those seeking to purchase a firearm from a private seller (e.g., two neighbors or two friends) were required to receive a special ID card and undergo fingerprinting, background checks and mental health evaluations. Under the bill, sellers must hire a licensed dealer to broker the transaction and conduct a National Background Check in addition to the previously-enacted checks. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposes this duplicative measure which drives up costs and makes it more difficult for individuals to lawfully purchase firearms and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 62-10.

5. **A 2758 Restricting Second Amendment Rights unless Citizens Prove "Specific Threats."** This bill restricts Second Amendment rights unless citizens prove "specific threats" against them. The bill rolls back a reform implemented during the Christie administration which slightly eased the process to lawfully obtain a handgun under the state's draconian gun control. Under previous law, individuals could only obtain permits for handguns if they demonstrated a "justifiable need," including "serious threat." This bill imposes an even greater restriction by requiring evidence of a "specific threat." ACU believes this legislation sets a dangerous precedent by requiring citizens to earn their constitutional rights, supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 48-26.

6. **A 1827 Forcing All Employers to Provide Paid Leave.** This bill reduces employment opportunities by forcing all employers to provide paid leave to employees at a rate of one hour per 30 hours worked, regardless of the industry or number of employees. Any number of reasons qualify for paid leave, including illnesses of employees and their relatives. Furthermore, the bill mandates that this new benefit is in addition to all other existing benefits and employers cannot reduce any other form of employee compensation to offset the mandated benefits. ACU believes employers and employees should be free to negotiate their own benefits, and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 50-24.



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7. **S 104 Subjecting Businesses to Costly Litigation.** This bill subjects employers to costly litigation by making it categorically illegal to pay or compensate someone who is in a “protected class” less than others who are not if the workers perform “substantially similar” work. The bill forces employers to prove that differences in pay are based on experience and education, and provides employees the right to sue and recover triple damages for up to six years in which they were allegedly paid lower wages. Furthermore, the bill imposes new, unnecessary wage reporting requirements on companies which contract with the state, as well as prevents employers and employees from signing nondisclosure agreements regarding salary. ACU believes employment discrimination is wrong and businesses that discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace, but we oppose measures which provide an incentive in the legal system to extort small businesses with frivolous litigation and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on March 26, 2018 by a vote of 74-2.
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8. **A 2183 Mandating Licensing for Music Therapists.** This bill limits competition and drives up costs for everyone seeking music therapy treatment by forcing music therapists to become licensed by the state. Aspiring music therapists must obtain a bachelor’s degree or higher in music therapy, complete 1,200 hours of clinical training, and pass an examination conducted by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, a newly created bureaucracy. ACU opposes the proliferation of licenses that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 59-13.
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9. **A 2014 Implementing Automatic Voter Registration.** This bill completely flips the voter registration process at voter registration agencies by automatically registering an individual to vote and requiring them to opt out. ACU opposes this measure which weakens ballot integrity and makes it easier to commit vote fraud, which suppresses legal votes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-23.
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10. **A 839 Prohibiting Offshore Drilling.** This bill is designed to hinder oil and gas production in federal waters and will result in higher energy costs for all Americans. Under the bill, the state Department of Environmental Protection and other state agencies are prohibited from leasing or conveying any portion of state coastal lands if the action would result in an increase in oil or natural gas production in federal waters. Furthermore, the bill bolsters the prohibition of drilling in state coastal lands. ACU supports all sources of energy and opposes this attack on the Trump administration’s efforts to reduce energy costs and expand economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 72-1.
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11. **A 3686 Providing Union Bosses Unprecedented New Powers to Harass Employees.** This bill provides public employer labor union bosses a shocking list of new powers and rights, expanding their ability to harass employees and forcefully increase membership. Under the bill, union bosses have the right to meet with newly hired government employees for up to two hours (on the taxpayer dime) and the right to obtain a wide range of employees’ personal contact information, including home addresses, work and personal emails, and work, home and cellphone numbers. Additionally, union bosses are entitled to receive updated personal contact information every 120 days, and any communication is exempted from public record disclosure requirements. Furthermore, union bosses are granted the right to use government property, including buildings and email systems, to communicate with members. Finally, the bill significantly increases the difficulty for employees to revoke their union membership, and declares unlawful any attempt by a public employer to discourage union membership. ACU is aware of the rampant abuse associated with this type of scheme and believes it is absurd to provide these powers and taxpayer-funded privileges, opposes enriching greedy union bosses and harassing employees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-22.
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12. A 3723 Raising Energy Costs by Increasing “Renewable” Energy Mandates. This bill implements numerous new mandates and regulations concerning “renewable” energy which will drive up energy costs. Under the bill, the state’s Renewable Portfolio standard is increased, forcing the state to obtain at least 50 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2030. The bill also increases subsidies to the renewable energy sector through the expansion of net metering, energy storage, and tax credits for wind energy. Finally, the bill imposes new energy efficiency regulations on commercial buildings. ACU opposes energy mandates which drive up energy costs for everyone, supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source of energy over another and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 51-20.

13. A 1521 Lowering the Age to Vote. This bill allows children age 17 to vote in primary elections if they turn 18 by the time of the general election. ACU opposes lowering the age to vote, finds it hypocritical that a lawmaker would support this bill while advocating raising the age to keep and bear arms, use tobacco or tanning facilities, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 56-17.

14. A 3380 Preserving Obamacare by Reimposing the Individual Mandate and Penalty. This bill reimposes a key provision of Obamacare, the individual mandate, which forces all individuals to purchase government-approved health insurance or pay a penalty. The individual mandate was repealed by Congress and the Trump administration, and this bill reestablishes the mandate with penalties for noncompliance starting at nearly \$700 for adults and \$350 for children. Additionally, the bill requires that only policies which cover “minimum essential benefits,” as mandated by Obamacare, count as health care and protect people from the penalty. ACU has long opposed Obamacare and its individual mandate, which have led to skyrocketing health costs and prevented individuals from obtaining more affordable health insurance by choosing the plan that best suits their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 50-23.

15. A 1220 Mandating Licensing for Drama and Dance Therapists. This bill limits competition and drives up costs for everyone seeking these therapies by creating a new bureaucracy, the Drama and Dance Movement Therapy Advisory Committee, to administer the granting of licenses to drama and dance movement therapists. Under the bill, aspiring therapists must obtain masters’ degrees in drama therapy, complete supervised paid clinical experience, complete exams and pay “appropriate fees” determined by unelected bureaucrats of the licensing board. ACU opposes the proliferation of licenses that are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on April 12, 2018 by a vote of 59-13.

16. A 3010 Creating Greater Dependence on Government by Expanding Welfare Eligibility. This bill expands taxpayer-funded welfare benefits to additional recipients without regard to their financial need. Under the bill, anyone can receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits if they are eligible for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits. This bill arbitrarily grows LIHEAP to ratchet up additional payments under SNAP. ACU supports efforts to help people live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become more self-sufficient and opposes this scheme to shift the burden of expanding government dependency to federal taxpayers throughout the country and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 24, 2018 by a vote of 67-7.

17. A 377 Forcing Hospital Employees to Recruit for Obamacare. This bill forces hospitals to designate employees to assist patients without insurance in enrolling in Obamacare. Specifically, the bill requires designated employees to be trained in navigating the Obamacare website and interview patients to determine their insurance status, and if they don’t have insurance, assist patients in signing up for Obamacare and applying for potential subsidies. ACU opposes driving up health care costs through patient interrogations, has long opposed Obamacare and its costly mandates which have led to skyrocketing health care costs and preventing individuals from obtaining affordable insurance by preventing them from choosing the plans that best suit their needs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 24, 2018 by a vote of 51-21.



- 18. A 1404 Eliminating the “Marriage Penalty” within the Tax Code.** This bill reforms a portion of the tax code in which married couples filing jointly are taxed at 140 percent of the rate of single filers on income earned between \$20,000 and \$70,000. Reducing tax burdens increases economic growth, which increases family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU supports this reform and efforts to implement taxes at the lowest possible rates for everyone and supported this bill. The Assembly defeated the bill on a procedural motion on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 44-24. (A “No” vote supported the ACU position.)
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- 19. A 1217 Seizing Firearms without Due Process.** This bill allows certain individuals to submit an ex parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an “Extreme Risk Protection Order” which requires the temporary seizure of all firearms held by the accused if they are considered a danger to themselves or others simply due to their possession of a firearm. Under the bill, any family member, any current or former household member or former roommate may submit the petition. Furthermore, the bill requires very low standards of evidence (good cause and preponderance of evidence) for a court to issue a temporary or final extreme risk protection order, the latter of which revokes the Second Amendment rights of the accused for an entire year. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the seizure of any property, including firearms, without due process and on the basis of unchallenged accusations, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 56-11.
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- 20. A 2761 Banning Ammunition Magazines with Capacities Greater than 10 Rounds.** This bill is another step toward eliminating Second Amendment rights by expanding the ban of ammunition magazines to those with capacities of 10 rounds (previously 15). Individuals who already own magazines which hold up to 10 rounds of ammunition are required to permanently modify the device or surrender it to authorities within 180 days. Those who possess a firearm with an unmodifiable fixed magazine are required to register the firearm with the state. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 7, 2018 by a vote of 45-20.
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- 21. S 2 Redistributing School Aid and Imposing New Taxes.** This bill is designed to pressure certain school districts to raise local taxes by reducing their portion of state school aid funding and transferring the money to schools considered “underfunded.” Additionally, any municipality whose school loses aid and “underspends” is forced under the bill to increase local taxes. ACU opposes this scheme to increase spending and raise taxes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 54-17.
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- 22. A 4163 Permitting Jersey City to Impose a New Payroll Tax.** This bill reduces employment opportunities and places further burdens on taxpayers by permitting Jersey City to impose an employee payroll tax in addition to the state’s countless other imposed taxes. This employer payroll tax, in conjunction with S 2, is a scheme to extract additional funding from communities and direct them to school districts. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation’s Family Prosperity Index. ACU opposes this new payroll tax which reduces employment opportunities and imposes unnecessary burdens on taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 46-28.
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- 23. A 3861 Providing Union Members Unemployment Benefits while Striking.** This bill provides unemployment benefits to union workers who go on strike. Under the bill, strikers are eligible for benefits after 30 days’ striking. Additionally, the bill penalizes employers which have hired replacement workers at a rate of \$750 per week per each striking employee. ACU believes unemployment benefits should be reserved for those who are involuntarily and temporarily unemployed and opposes holding companies hostage to the demands of union bosses and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 48-25.
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- 24. A 3267 Imposing Fees on Carryout Bags.** This bill forces all large businesses or stores which offer carryout bags to customers to charge a 5 cent fee for each bag. However, recipients of state welfare and senior citizens are exempt from the fee. ACU opposes this effort to increase the cost of groceries, believes government should not limit individuals’ choices in how they take their groceries home and opposes this fee that is in addition to the state’s other sales taxes and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 41-32.
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- 25. A 4132 Imposing a New Tax on Vaping.** This bill imposes a new tax, in addition to existing taxes, on liquid nicotine which is used in vaping devices and e-cigarettes. The tax rate is set at 10 cents per fluid milliliter. ACU opposes all “sin taxes” which disproportionately harm certain groups of the population, especially individuals earning low incomes, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 21, 2018 by a vote of 51-24.
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- 26. A 2041 Placing Taxpayer Funds at Risk by Issuing Bonds for Select Companies.** This bill interferes in the marketplace and places taxpayer funds at risk by establishing a new program that permits localities to issue bonds for redevelopment. Specifically, the bonds fund the redevelopment projects of select companies favored by government. ACU does not believe government should compete with the private lending industry, opposes placing taxpayer funds at risk in the event of default, opposes providing competitive advantages to select companies favored by government and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 25, 2018 by a vote of 70-5.
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- 27. A 4202 Raising Business Tax Burdens through Increased Rates and Reduced Deductions.** This bill harms business growth and reduces employment opportunities by making numerous changes to the corporate business tax, resulting in higher taxation of businesses. Under the bill, a 2.5 percent tax surcharge is imposed on corporations with incomes above \$1 million. Additionally, the bill subjects more dividend income to taxation and uncouples a portion of the state tax code from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which will result in higher tax liabilities. ACU opposes this anti-growth, “soak the rich” tax increase to pay for increased spending which results in the highest corporate tax rate in the country and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 41-23.
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- 28. A 4061 Imposing New Taxes on Ridesharing and Motor Vehicle Violations.** This bill further drives up the state’s ballooning transportation costs by imposing a new tax on rides through transportation network companies such as Uber and Lyft. Under the bill, a 50 cent fee is imposed on each ride, as well as a 25 cent fee for each additional rider. Furthermore, the bill imposes a tax ranging between \$1 and \$3 on traffic and motor vehicle violations. ACU opposes these new taxes, especially considering the state already has one of the highest gas taxes in the country, and we find it absurd that Governor Murphy vetoed the bill for its failure to impose even more burdensome taxes and fees and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 41-29.
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- 29. A 3088 Increasing the Top Marginal Tax Rate by 20 Percent.** This bill discourages economic growth and innovation by increasing the marginal gross income tax rate on income above \$5 million from 8.97 percent to 10.75 percent and mandates employers withhold 15.6 percent of income over \$5 million. Additionally, the bill imposes an additional 17 percent tax on “investment management services income.” Finally, the bill encourages dependence on government by increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit, which awards cash subsidies to those whose incomes exceed qualifications for other welfare programs. ACU opposes efforts to discourage innovation and siphon even more resources out of the private sector to fund wasteful and out-of-control government spending and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 1, 2018 by a vote of 51-20.
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- 30. A 3754 Mandating a License to Braid Hair.** This vote forces hair braiders to become licensed in the state by concurring with the governor’s conditional veto of the bill. Prior to the governor’s veto, the original bill (which ACU supported) exempted hair braiders from the licensing requirement. Under the conditional veto, aspiring hair braiders must complete up to 50 hours of coursework and only those who have been licensed for three or more years may operate their own shops. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing which is primarily designed to reduce competition, believes it is absurd that the governor thinks an individual must be licensed to braid hair and opposed this concurrence vote. The Assembly concurred with the governor’s conditional veto of the bill on September 27, 2018 by a vote of 70-5.
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- 31. A 2164 Providing Subsidies to Stores which Sell Government-Favored Foods.** This bill interferes in the marketplace by providing cash grants to “small food retailers” in the state which sell food government deems “healthy.” Under the new program, taxpayers provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations which will in turn select retailers in certain areas of the state to receive \$5,000 to renovate their shelving space to offer healthy foods and fresh produce. ACU opposes social engineering of personal dietary choices and this government interference which promotes cronyism and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 17, 2018 by a vote of 61-16.
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- 32. A 4700 Expanding Cronyism by Subsidizing Select Grocery Stores.** This bill transfer tax burdens to taxpayers not favored by government by establishing a new program that provides tax credits to certain grocery stores which locate in areas the government believes are “food deserts.” ACU opposes providing competitive tax advantages to select companies and industries, believes the marketplace is the best mechanism to expand access to groceries and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 17, 2018 by a vote of 52-25.



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Andrzejczak	D	1	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	32	19%	33%	20%		
Armato	D	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	32	6%	n/a	6%		
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Barclay	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	20	n/a†	7%	3%		
Benson	D	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	2%		
BRAMNICK	R	21	X	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	20	31	65%	79%	90%	
BUCCO	R	25	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	28	32	88%	92%	92%	
Burzichelli	D	3	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	29	0%	7%	5%		
Calabrese	D	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	0	29	0%	n/a	0%	
Caputo	D	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	0	29	0%	8%	1%		
CARROLL	R	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	+	21	23	91%	91%	94%
Carter	D	22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	17	n/a†	n/a	n/a	
Chaparro	D	33	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	26	4%	7%	4%	
Chiaravalloti	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	31	0%	7%	2%		
CLIFTON	R	12	+	X	X	X	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	X	-	+	17	25	68%	69%	77%	
Conaway	D	7	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	0	28	0%	7%	1%		
Coughlin	D	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	1%		
DANCER	R	12	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	16	28	57%	69%	71%		
Danielsen	D	17	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	28	0%	7%	3%		
Deangelo	D	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	30	0%	7%	4%		
DECROCE	R	26	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	18	24	75%	n/a	84%	
DEPHILLIPS	R	40	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	20	32	63%	n/a	63%	
DIMAIO	R	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	24	29	83%	93%	93%	
DIMASO	R	13	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	19	28	68%	n/a	68%	
Downey	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	5	31	16%	13%	16%		



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Egan	D	17	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	27	0%	8%	3%	
Eustace	D	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	15	n/a†	7%	4%	
Freiman	D	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	2	20	n/a†	n/a	n/a	
Giblin	D	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	27	0%	7%	1%	
GOVE	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	26	31	84%	83%	89%	
Green	D	22	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	n/a†	8%	1%	
Greenwald	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	1%	
Gusciora	D	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	19	n/a†	8%	1%	
HANDLIN	R	13	X	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	14	28	50%	67%	80%
Holley	D	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	0	31	0%	8%	2%	
Houghtaling	D	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	5	31	16%	13%	16%	
HOWARTH	R	8	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	24	32	75%	91%	82%	
Jasey	D	27	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	29	0%	7%	1%	
Jimenez	D	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	27	0%	7%	1%	
Johnson	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	1%	
Jones	D	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	2%	
Karabinchak	D	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	2%	
KEAN	R	30	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	23	31	74%	62%	82%	
Kennedy	D	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	8%	3%	
Lagana	D	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	7	n/a†	7%	6%	
Lampitt	D	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	24	0%	8%	1%	
Land	D	1	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	32	19%	33%	23%		
Lopez	D	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	n/a	0%	
Mazzeo	D	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	2	31	6%	15%	12%	
MCGUCKIN	R	10	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	-	+	+	24	28	86%	86%	94%	
Mckean	D	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	1%	
Mcknight	D	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	27	0%	7%	2%	



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Mejia	D	32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25	0%	n/a	0%		
Moriarty	D	4	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	28	0%	8%	1%	
Mosquera	D	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	8%	1%		
Mukherji	D	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	29	3%	7%	2%	
Muñoz	R	21	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	19	30	63%	75%	86%	
Murphy	D	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	n/a	0%	
PETERS	R	8	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	23	32	72%	n/a	72%	
PETERSON	R	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	28	32	88%	100%	97%	
Pinkin	D	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	1%		
Pinor Marin	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	7%	3%	
Prieto	D	32	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	0	n/a†	7%	1%	
Quijano	D	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	0	28	0%	n/a	0%	
Reynolds-Jackson	D	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	0	31	0%	n/a	0%		
ROONEY	R	40	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	18	31	58%	75%	67%	
RUMPF	R	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	27	31	87%	n/a	91%
Schaer	D	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	0	29	0%	7%	2%	
SCHEPISI	R	39	X	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	-	X	X	-	+	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	+	13	22	59%	n/a	84%
SPACE	R	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+	+	+	28	29	97%	93%	94%
Spearman	D	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	6	n/a†	n/a	n/a	
Speight	D	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	n/a	0%	
Sumter	D	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	26	0%	8%	1%	
Swain	D	38	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	4	17	n/a†	n/a	n/a	
Taliaferro	D	3	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	29	0%	7%	4%	
THOMSON	R	30	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	23	32	72%	n/a	72%
Timberlake	D	34	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	0	25	0%	n/a	0%	
Tucker	D	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	0	29	0%	8%	1%	



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Tully	D	38	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4	17	n/a†	n/a	n/a
Vainieri Huttle	D	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	8%	2%	
Verrelli	D	15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0	3	n/a†	n/a	n/a
WEBBER	R	26	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	27	32	84%	93%	96%	
Wimberly	D	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	32	0%	0%	0%	
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“+” Member voted with ACU’s position
 “-” Member voted against ACU’s position
 “X” Member was absent for vote
 “E” Member was excused for vote

† Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result the 2018 percentage was not rated. 2/3rds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.