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KENTUCKY

2019

LEGISLATIVE KEY VOTE SCORECARD

Fellow Kentuckians,

Welcome to the 2019 Americans for Prosperity-Kentucky Legislative Scorecard. The goal of this scorecard is simple: **make lawmakers accountable to the people they represent.**

History has proven that free people are capable of extraordinary things. Unfortunately, people face numerous barriers that deny them the opportunity to reach their full potential. And, there are an array of special interests who seek to build new barriers and privileges through taxpayer-funded corporate welfare.

To advance the principles AFP holds dear, we are using cutting edge tools and technology to educate, recruit, and mobilize citizens in support of improving the lives of all Kentuckians. Our growing network of activists across the Commonwealth are fighting every day to make the Bluegrass State a place that embraces the principles of our Nation's founding: **the pursuit of liberty, equal treatment under the law, and the opportunity to utilize our endowed talents to advance.**

With our 2019 Legislative Scorecard, we aim to enhance transparency and help involve your voice in the legislative process. We hope you find the information useful.



For Freedom,

Andrew McNeill

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AMN.CC".

Kentucky State Director

Americans for Prosperity

EXPLANATION OF BILLS

2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Jan 8, 2019—Mar 28, 2019

Legislative Votes

HB 205 | SCHOLARSHIP TAX CREDITS

SPONSORS: J. Carney, C. McCoy, K. Bratcher, R. Heath, A. Koenig, J. Miller, D. Osborne, S. Santoro, W. Thomas —

AFP'S POSITION: SUPPORT — **OUTCOME:** POSTED IN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE COMMITTEE

HB 205 is a critical step toward creating more educational options for Kentucky's families and students. HB 205 encourages individuals and businesses to increase financial assistance for children to attend schools that best meet their unique needs. The program provides non-refundable tax credits for funds donated to scholarship granting organizations. Those organizations provide scholarships to low- & moderate-income students. HB 205 would allow students to receive the best education, regardless of their family income or ZIP code.

HB 430 | CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE TRANSPARENCY

SPONSOR: S. Maddox, J. Nemes — **AFP'S POSITION:** SUPPORT — **OUTCOME:** POSTED IN HOUSE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

AFP-KY supports reforming civil asset forfeiture in Kentucky. HB 430 increases transparency on the practice of law enforcement seizing private property without a criminal conviction. HB 430 is an important step in shining a light on this abusive practice.

HB 254 | FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION AT PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

SPONSORS: S. Maddox, R. Huff, L. Bechler, D. Bentley, M. Dossett, J. Fischer, D. Hale, M. Hart, D. Lewis, K. Moser, M. Prunty, S. Santoro, J. Sims Jr, W. Thomas — **AFP'S POSITION:** SUPPORT — **OUTCOME:** SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Civil debate benefits when all voices are heard. Higher education provides a unique forum for students to freely and productively engage with a range of ideas—education that enables a thoughtful and diverse society. This bill protects these unique environments on our college campuses and protects the free speech rights of students in Kentucky.

SB 57 | EXPUNGEMENT OF FELONIES

SPONSOR: Sen. J. Higdon, G. Neal — **AFP'S POSITION:** SUPPORT — **OUTCOME:** SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Second chances for individuals who have paid their debt to society will ultimately lead to safer communities. Senate Bill 57 creates a pathway for those charged with lower level felonies to seek expungement of their criminal records 5 years after completing their sentence.

SB 238 | RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS

SPONSORS: *Sen Morgan McGarvey, D. Harper-Angel* — **AFP'S POSITION:** SUPPORTED — **OUTCOME:** INTRODUCED

Kentucky is only one of two states that does not automatically restore voting rights to felons who have fulfilled the requirements of their sentence, probation, and parole. AFP believes it is important for individuals to make amends for crimes against society. It is equally important, however, that society recognize the dignity of those who have made amends and have their right to vote automatically restored.

HB 268 | NEW DEBT, MORE SPENDING

SPONSOR: *Rep. Steven Rudy* — **AFP'S POSITION:** OPPOSED — **NOTE:** *AFP KY supported the Senate Committee Substitute (HB 268 SCS1) that removed all new spending and borrowing from the bill. However, AFP did not support the final Free Conference Committee Report (FCCR) that burdened taxpayers with \$75 million in new debt.* —

OUTCOME: FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Kentucky has a serious overspending problem. The state is \$54 billion in debt. HB 268 opened up the budget in a non-budget year for more spending and more debt. AFP-KY opposed HB 268 and will continue to fight on the front lines for the taxpayers of Kentucky against the tax-and-spend legislators in the Kentucky General Assembly.

HB 517 | INCREASING THE GAS TAX

SPONSORS: *Rep. Sal Santoro, J. Sims Jr, D. Bentley, J. Blanton, R. Heath, R. Huff, C. McCoy, R. Meyer, J. Miller, P. Pratt, M. Prunty, R. Rothenburger, B. Rowland, S. Sheldon, K. Upchurch, S. Westrom* — **AFP'S POSITION:** OPPOSED —

OUTCOME: POSTED IN HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE

AFP-KY opposed HB 517, a bill to increase the gas tax on Kentucky's families. If the General Assembly would stop its wasteful spending, set priorities, and eliminate tax giveaways to special interests, we could fund road and bridge work with a responsible and balanced approach.

KEY	
SYMBOL	MEANING
✓	Voted WITH Americans for Prosperity - Kentucky
✗	Voted AGAINST Americans for Prosperity - Kentucky
N/A	Not voted on by full body
🌿	Sponsored bill Americans for Prosperity-Kentucky supported.
🚫	Sponsored bill Americans for Prosperity-Kentucky opposed.

House Votes

HOUSE	DISTRICT	HB 205	HB 430	HB 254	HB 268	HB 517	SB 238	SB 57
OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Rocky Adkins	99			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Lynn Bechler	4			✓	✗		N/A	✗
Danny Bentley	98			✓	✗	🏆	N/A	✓
John Blanton	92			✓	✗	🏆	N/A	✓
Tina Bojanowski	32			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Charles Booker	43			NV	✓		N/A	✓
Adam Bowling	87			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Kevin Bratcher	29	🏆		✓	✗		N/A	✓
R. Travis Brenda	71			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Randy Bridges	3			✓	✗		N/A	✓
George Brown	77			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Tom Burch	30			✗	✓		N/A	✓
McKenzie Cantrell	38			✗	✓		N/A	✓
John Carney	51	🏆		✓	✗		N/A	✓
Terri Clark	100			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Jeffery Donohue	37			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Myron Dossett	9			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Jim DuPlessis	25			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Larry Elkins	5			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Daniel Elliott	54			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Joseph Fischer	68			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Kelly Flood	75			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Deanna Frazier	81			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Chris Freeland	6			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Chris Fugate	84			✓	✗		N/A	✓

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OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Al Gentry	46			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Jim Glenn	13			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Robert Goforth	89			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Jim Gooch	12			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Derrick Graham	57			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Joe Graviss	56			✗	✗		N/A	✓
David Hale	74			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Chris Harris	93			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Mark Hart	78			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Angie Hatton	94			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Richard Heath	2	🏅		✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Kathy Hinkle	96			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Jeff Hoover	83			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Cluster Howard	91			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Regina Huff	82			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Thomas Huff	49			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Joni Jenkins	44			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Dennis Keene	67			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Kim King	55			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Matthew Koch	72			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Adam Koenig	69	🏅		✓	✗		N/A	✗
Nima Kulkarni	40			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Ashley Laferty	95			✗	✓		N/A	✗
Stan Lee	45			✓	✗		N/A	✗
Derek Lewis	90			✓	✗		N/A	✓



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OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Scott Lewis	14			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Savannah Maddox	61			✓	NV		N/A	✓
Mary Marzian	34			✗	✓		N/A	✓
C. Edward Massey	66			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Bobby McCool	97			✓	✗		N/A	✓
D. Chad McCoy	50			✓	✗		N/A	✓
David Meade	80			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Reginald Meeks	42			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Michael Meredith	19			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Russ Meyer	39			NV	NV		N/A	NV
Suzanne Miles	7			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Charles Miller	28			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Jerry Miller	36			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Patti Minter	20			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Tim Moore	18			NV	✗		N/A	✓
Kimberly Moser	64			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Jason Nemes	33			✓	✗		N/A	✓
David Osborne	59			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Ruth Palumbo	76			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Jason Petrie	16			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Phillip Pratt	62			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Melinda Prunty	15			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Rick Rand	47			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Josie Raymond	31			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Brandon Reed	24			✓	✗		N/A	✓

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OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Steve Riley	23			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Rob Rothenburger	58			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Bart Rowland	21			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Steven Rudy	1			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Sal Santoro	60	🏅		✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✗
Dean Schamore	10			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Attica Scott	41			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Steve Sheldon	17			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
John Sims	70			✓	NV	🏅	N/A	NV
Maria Sorolis	48			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Cherlynn Stevenson	88			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Jim Stewart	86			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Wilson Stone	22			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Diane St. Onge	63			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Nancy Tate	27			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Walker Thomas	8	🏅		✓	✗		N/A	✓
James Tipton	53			✓	✗		N/A	✓
Tommy Turner	85			✓	✗		N/A	NV
Ken Upchurch	52			✓	✗	🏅	N/A	✓
Russell Webber	26			✓	✗		N/A	NV
Susan Westrom	79			✗	NV	🏅	N/A	✓
Charles Wheatley	65			✗	✗		N/A	✓
Robert Wiederstein	11			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Lisa Willner	35			✗	✓		N/A	✓
Les Yates	73			✓	✗		N/A	✓

Senate Votes

SENATE	DISTRICT	SB 118	HB 430	HB 254	HB 268	HB 517	SB 238	SB 57
OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Julie Adams	36		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Ralph Alvarado	28		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Tom Buford	22		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Jared Carpenter	34		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Danny Carroll	2		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Julian Carroll	7		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
Matt Castlen	8		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Perry Clark	37		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
C.B. Embry	6		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Rick Girdler	15		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
David Givens	9		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Denise Harper Angel	35		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
Ernie Harris	26		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Jimmy Higdon	14		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Paul Hornback	20		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Stan Humphries	1		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Alice Kerr	12		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Christian McDaniel	23		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Morgan McGarvey	19		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
Stephen Meredith	5		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Robby Mills	4		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Gerald Neal	33		N/A	✗	NV	N/A		✓
Dennis Parrett	10		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Albert Robinson	21		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
John Schickel	11		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✗

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OUTCOME		INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	FCCR SIGNED BY GOVERNOR	INTRODUCED	INTRODUCED	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR
Wil Schroder	24		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Dan Seum	38		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Brandon Smith	30		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Robert Stivers	25		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Damon Thayer	17		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Reginald Thomas	13		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
Johnny Turner	29		N/A	✗	✗	N/A		✓
Robin Webb	18		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Stephen West	27		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Whitney Westerfield	3		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Phillip Wheeler	31		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Mike Wilson	32		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓
Max Wise	16		N/A	✓	✗	N/A		✓

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