

2021 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



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MY FELLOW KENTUCKIANS,

Welcome to the 2021 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 working daily to educate, recruit, and mobilize citizens in support of improving the lives of and breaking barriers for 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 2021 Legislative Scorecard, we aim to enhance transparency and help involve your voice in the legislative process.

We hope you find the information useful.

Sincerely,
Michael Conway
AFP Kentucky State Director



SCORING
METHODOLOGY

Scores on the AFP-KY Scorecard are calculated using the following formula:

An AFP-KY Champion is a policymaker who showed leadership, principle, and did not sponsor any legislation in opposition to our legislative priorities.

- Vote with AFP position =** ✓
- Vote with AFP position on priority bill =** ★
- Vote against AFP position =** ✗

ABOUT 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

As the 2021 session concludes, our activists have set high expectations for the interim legislative session and the session coming in 2022.

Criminal justice reform, policing reform, educational freedom, and ensuring economic opportunity will be the guiding priorities and foundation for transformational change in the commonwealth next year. Our activists are excited to see the legislative opportunities to come.

We know the last year has been unique, but we feel the economic recovery from COVID-19 can do more than just return the country to the pre-pandemic status quo. As strong as the economy was at the start of 2020, we can emerge even stronger in 2021 and into 2022, building an economy equipped for the future that fosters greater opportunity and upward mobility for Americans from all walks of life. Doing this starts with a core belief in people — we believe in the importance of empowering every American to earn success, contribute to his or her community, and live a meaningful life. We must curb the spread of the coronavirus and protect public health for the economy to recover — and we can do so without harming people’s livelihoods. All Americans should have access to opportunities that foster upward economic mobility. And in the wake of tens of thousands of business closures, it is essential that our economy makes it easier to start and grow principled, productive businesses.

Government spending will not lead the way to economic recovery. Recovery will be driven by bottom-up solutions that empower every individual.

PROTECT KENTUCKY’S TAXPAYERS AND PROMOTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



FIGHT AGAINST TAX INCREASES

Frankfort’s special interests are calling for higher taxes to fuel more spending. Kentuckians are taxed enough. Frankfort should live within its means and protect taxpayers’ wallets.

FIGHT AGAINST CORPORATE WELFARE AND CRONYISM

Government should pursue policies that create a level playing field where everyone is bound by the same set of rules. Instead, the game is rigged by powerful special interests, allowing government to pick winners and losers through subsidies, tax carveouts, regulatory barriers and protectionist policies.

Kentucky’s Road Fund is full of exemptions, special interest tax breaks and a rigged bidding system. Over \$100 million in gas taxes is diverted to the General Fund instead of spent on

maintenance and construction of roads and bridges. Instead of higher gas taxes, Kentucky should cut the corporate welfare and cronyism in the Road Fund.

FIGHT FOR MEANINGFUL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM

Government occupational licensing laws and regulations are harmful barriers that prevent people from realizing their potential to earn a fulfilling living and improve the lives of their families and communities. The path forward is to end government’s role wherever possible, returning choice to consumers and occupational training to schools and the private sector, where training and education can quickly evolve to meet the needs of society without the heavy hand of government. This can be done by removing and reducing occupational licensing requirements directly or by creating structural reforms that lead the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of governments to evaluate burdensome occupational requirements more critically and eliminate them over time.

WORKER FREEDOM

AFP-Kentucky will continue to protect and preserve the gains the state has made in ensuring workers and employers are free to enter into mutually beneficial agreements. We will continue to protect right-to-work and fight for an opt-in for Kentucky so public employees can choose whether to join a union. For many government workers, a union fee is money that could be better used to save, spend, or invest in themselves, their family, or their community.



ABOUT 2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HELP STUDENTS FULFILL THEIR POTENTIAL AND EXPAND EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM BY EMPOWERING PARENTS WITH CHOICES

All children across the commonwealth deserve an educational opportunity that best meets their unique needs — one that embraces the freedom of innovation and the dignity of the individual. We must allow educators the freedom to provide innovative solutions to educate our children. Educational empowerment for parents and their children is critical to ensuring all students are given the knowledge and tools to find their passion in life.

ENACT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

AFP-Kentucky supports policies that will make our streets safer and help Kentuckians get a much-needed second chance. We strive for an effective criminal justice system that protects people, respects human dignity, prioritizes rehabilitation and reentry, provides second chances to those who’ve paid their debt to society, and ensures equal justice under the law.

RESTORING VOTING RIGHTS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DEBT

Second chances help create safer streets and more harmonious communities. Restoring the eligibility to vote to people who have done their time and paid their debts in full will make our society safer, our system more just, and provide for real second chances for returning citizens.

REFORMING THE PRE-TRIAL PROCESS

Under our current pre-trial policies, those with the ability to pay often get a better deal than individuals with fewer financial resources. The decision to jail someone before they get their day in court should be based on an individual’s flight or safety risk, not their financial status. It’s time to reform our outdated bail laws and move to a fairer, evidence-based approach that protects Kentuckians’ constitutional right to due process.



RESPONSIBLE POLICING REFORM

Policing in America just isn’t working well for many — least of all black Americans, police officers, and communities where peaceful protests have given way to destructive riots. Groups on both sides have pitted communities against each other and forced them to choose between equal justice and public safety. But that’s a false choice. Instead of drawing lines and pitting people against each other, let’s bridge divides and unite to make policing work for everyone.

FOCUS POLICING ON MORE SERIOUS CRIMES.

Most arrests in America are for nonviolent offenses like marijuana possession. We can stop criminalizing these offenses so police officers can work to reduce and solve serious crimes that harm people and communities.

STOP CREATING BAD POLICIES FOR POLICE TO ENFORCE.

We can eliminate policies like unnecessary fines and fees and civil asset forfeiture and replace them with alternatives for good policing that keeps everyone safe.

HELP THE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP.

We can increase access to community solutions that alleviate the root causes of criminal activities such as poverty, mental illness, and addiction, instead of simply throwing people behind bars.



BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HB 126 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Rep. Ed Massey
Increases the felony theft threshold in Kentucky from \$500 to \$1,000.

HB 497 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Rep. Kimberly Moser
Requires the Department of Corrections to provide individuals being released from prison documents, including information on their criminal history, successful completion of certain programs or educational degrees, their work record, etc. In addition, for certain individuals, the DOC will provide an ID card and/or a certificate of employability.

SB 4 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Sen. Robert Stivers
Raises the standard law enforcement must show a judge before being granted the authority to execute a “no-knock warrant;” requires law enforcement executing these warrants to have special training and be equipped with a body camera; requires a paramedic on the scene; and limits the types of suspected offenses that are eligible for issuance of a no-knock warrant.



SB 211 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Sen. Danny Carroll
Would have enhanced penalties for violations of certain offenses committed during the course of a “riot” and would have restricted when a person could be released after an arrest for a violation of an offense of during the course of a riot.
AFP opposed this bill.

SB 80 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Sen. Danny Carroll
Creates more robust and statewide standards on when officers will be decertified when they commit certain crimes or allegations of unjustified use of excessive force.

HB 563 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ACT EDUCATION

Rep. Chad McCoy
Provides for private school tuition assistance in the state’s most populous counties, mandatory open enrollment, and financial assistance for public school children for things like tutors and school supplies. Following the successful passage of both chambers, the Governor vetoed the legislation. However, his veto was successfully overridden through overwhelming support in the legislature.

HB 140 HEALTH CARE

Rep. Deanna Frazier
Allows all health care providers licensed under Kentucky’s 20 health care licensing boards to deliver telehealth. Also allows health care providers to deliver telehealth through audio-only phone calls and remote monitoring technology.

HB 1 CORONAVIRUS/EXECUTIVE POWERS

Rep. Bart Rowland
Provides relief to businesses and individuals during the COVID-19 state of emergency; provides guidelines for opening of businesses and schools; suspend interest on unpaid unemployment insurance contributions and provide guidelines for noncustodial parental visitation during the COVID-19 state of emergency; provides guidelines for visitation at long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

SB 1 CORONAVIRUS/EXECUTIVE POWERS

Sen. Rick Girdler
Limits the effective dates of executive orders issued by the governor to 30 days unless an extension is approved by the General Assembly, and prohibits the governor from issuing a new executive order relating to the same emergency without the approval of the General Assembly.



HB 5 REGULATIONS

Rep. Michael Meredith
Stops the governor from making temporary board reorganizations when the legislature isn’t in session or hasn’t voted to approve those moves.

HB 561 TAX AND SPENDING

Rep. Sal Santoro
Would have raised gas tax approximately 10 cents per gallon, provided for an annual adjustment to raise the gas tax automatically, and increased fees on electric vehicles.
AFP opposed this bill.

HB 132 TECH AND INNOVATION

Rep. Nima Kulkarni
Would have allowed judges to dismiss frivolous lawsuits designed to punish people for exercising their right to free speech early in the litigation process.

SENATE VOTES

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Julie Raque Adams	★	★	★	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Ralph Alvarado	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Karen Berg	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✖	✖
Tom Buford	✖	✖	✖	✔	✔	✔	NV	✖	✖	✖	✖
Jared Carpenter	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✖	✔	✔
Danny Carroll	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Matt Castlen	★	★	✖	✔	✔	NV	NV	✔	✖	✔	✔
C.B. Embry Jr.	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Rick Girdler	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
David Givens	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Denise Harper Angel	NV	✖	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Jimmy Higdon	✖	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔
Paul Hornback	★	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	✖	✔	✔
Jason Howell	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Alice Forgy Kerr	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	NV	✔	✔
Christian McDaniel	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	✖	✔	✔
Morgan McGarvey	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✖	✖
Stephen Meredith	✖	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Robby Mills	★	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	✖	NV	✔

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Gerald Neal	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	NV	✔	NV	✖
Michael Nemes	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Dennis Parrett	NV	NV	NV	NV	✔	✔	✔	✖	NV	✖	✖
John Schickel	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✖	✔	✔
Wil Schroder	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Brandon Smith	✖	✖	✖	✔	NV	✔	NV	✔	✖	✔	✔
Adrienne Southworth	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Robert Stivers	★	★	★	NV	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Brandon Storm	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Damon Thayer	★	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Reginald Thomas	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✖	✖
Johnnie Turner	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔	✔	✔
Robin Webb	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✖	✖
Stephen West	★	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Whitney Westerfield	★	★	★	✔	✔	✔	NV	✔	✔	✔	✔
Phillip Wheeler	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Mike Wilson	★	★	✖	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
Max Wise	★	★	✖	✔	NV	✔	✔	✔	✖	✔	✔
David Yates	✖	✖	★	✔	✔	✔	✔	NV	NV	✖	✖

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Shane Baker	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kim Banta	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lynn Bechler	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Danny Bentley	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
John Blanton	✓	✗	✗	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tina Bojanowski	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Adam Bowling	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Josh Branscum	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kevin Bratcher	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Josh Bray	NV	✗	NV	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Randy Bridges	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
George Brown, Jr.	✓	✗	✗	✓	NV	✗	NV	✗	✗
Tom Burch	✓	NV	NV	✓	NV	NV	✗	NV	✗
Josh Calloway	NV	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
McKenzie Cantrell	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
John Bam Carney	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Jennifer Decker	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jonathan Dixon	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jeffery Donohue	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Myron Dossett	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ryan Dotson	✓	NV	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jim DuPlessis	✓	★	★	NV	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Elliott	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joseph Fischer	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Fister	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Patrick Flannery	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ken Fleming	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kelly Flood	✓	✗	✗	✓	NV	✗	NV	✗	✗
Deanna Frazier	✓	✗	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Freeland	NV	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Fugate	✓	✗	✗	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Al Gentry	✓	★	NV	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Robert Goforth	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jim Gooch Jr.	✓	NV	★	NV	★	✓	✓	✓	NV
Derrick Graham	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	NV
David Hale	✓	★	★	✓	NV	✓	NV	✓	NV
Mark Hart	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Angie Hatton	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Richard Heath	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Samara Heavrin	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thomas Huff	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Regina Huff	✓	✗	★	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary Beth Imes	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joni Jenkins	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
DJ Johnson	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kim King	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norma Kirck-McCormick	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matthew Koch	✓	NV	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adam Koenig	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nima Kulkarni	✓	✗	✗	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗

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William Lawrence	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott Lewis	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Derek Lewis	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matt Lockett	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Savannah Maddox	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary Lou Marzian	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	NV	✗	NV	✗
C. Ed Massey	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bobby McCool	NV	✗	✗	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chad McCoy	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shawn McPherson	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Meade	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Reginald Meeks	NV	✗	✗	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV
Michael Meredith	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Suzanne Miles	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Charles Miller	NV	✗	NV	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jerry Miller	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patti Minter	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Kimberly Poore Moser	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jason Nemes	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
David Osborne	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ruth Ann Palumbo	✓	✗	✗	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jason Petrie	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phillip Pratt	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Melinda Gibbons Prunty	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Felicia Rabourn	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	NV

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Josie Raymond	✓	✗	✗	NV	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Brandon Reed	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steve Riley	NV	✗	NV	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rachel Roberts	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Bart Rowland	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steven Rudy	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sal Santoro	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attica Scott	NV	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Scott Sharp	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steve Sheldon	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tom Smith	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pamela Stevenson	✓	✗	NV	✓	NV	✗	✗	✗	✗
Cherlynn Stevenson	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Ashley Tackett Laferty	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	NV	✓
Nancy Tate	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Walker Thomas	✓	★	★	NV	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Killian Timoney	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
James Tipton	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ken Upchurch	✓	★	★	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Russell Webber	✓	★	★	NV	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bill Wesley	✓	★	★	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Susan Westrom	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✗	✗	✗
Buddy Wheatley	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗
Richard White	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lisa Willner	✓	✗	✗	✓	★	✗	✗	✗	✗

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