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PA Legislative Scorecard 2025: 0%

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

✓ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	— Did not Vote	Vote
1. The Day of the Bible: Designates September 12, 2025, as "The Day of the Bible" in Pennsylvania. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: No · SR131 · 06/26/2025			✗
2. Regulatory Review and Accountability: Requires all state regulations costing over \$1 million annually to be formally reviewed after three years. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: No · SB444 · 06/10/2025			✗
3. Forced Student Loan Application: Would require all high-school seniors in Pennsylvania to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes · SB310 · 05/13/2025			✗
4. Fairness in Women's Sports Act: Requires Pennsylvania school and college sports teams to be designated by biological sex at birth, barring males from female teams and protecting schools that enforce sex-based divisions. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: No · SB9 · 05/06/2025			✗
5. Noncitizens in Agriculture and Licensure: Updates poultry technician licensing by expanding eligibility to all legal U.S. residents, raising fees, granting the state agriculture secretary broader power, and strengthening enforcement. Constitutional: No · Cast: Yes · HB324 · 02/05/2025			✗
6. CO2 Trading Program Repeal: Ends Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI by repealing CO ₂ trading regulations and requiring legislative approval for any future emissions-related programs or taxes. Constitutional: Yes · Cast: No · SB186 · 02/04/2025			✗



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\$297,522

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of September 3, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. The Day of the Bible

SR131 designates September 12, 2025, as "The Day of the Bible."

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed SR131 on June 26, 2025 by a vote of 26 to 24. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because it affirms the truth that our rights come from God, not government. The Ninth Amendment to the Constitution reinforces this principle, declaring that the enumeration of certain rights in the Constitution cannot be used "to deny or disparage others retained by the people"—rights first revealed in Scripture, beginning in Genesis. As the motto of The John Birch Society reminds us, "Less government, more responsibility, and—with God's help—a better world."

2. Regulatory Review and Accountability

SB444 requires that any regulation costing more than \$1 million annually must undergo a formal review after three years. The agency that issued the rule must report on it and that report goes to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC), which determines the regulation's fate.

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed SB444 on June 10, 2025 by a vote of 27 to 23. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because requiring periodic review of costly and unconstitutional regulations restores accountability and limits bureaucratic overreach. Too often, regulations remain on the books indefinitely, burdening citizens and businesses long after their purpose has expired. Thomas Jefferson warned "the natural progress of things is for liberty to yield, and government to gain ground."

3. Forced Student Loan Application

SB310 requires all high-school seniors attending public or private schools to either complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or submit a formal opt-out form. Schools must make opt-out forms available.

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed SB310 on May 13, 2025 by a vote of 47 to 2. We have assigned pluses to the nays because requiring high-school seniors in public and private schools to complete the FAFSA or an opt-out form infringes on personal freedom and financial privacy. No government should track families' private finances or mandate disclosure of sensitive information or forcing private schools to comply. Education is not the proper role of government, and federal involvement in schooling is not authorized under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

4. Fairness in Women's Sports Act

SB9 mandates that public school and college athletic teams in Pennsylvania be explicitly designated as male, female, or co-ed based strictly on a person's biological sex at birth, defined by anatomy and genetics. It prohibits individuals of the male sex from competing on girls' or women's teams.

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed SB9 on May 6, 2025 by a vote of 32 to 18. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill pushes back against the Left's radical agenda that denies biological reality and undermines women's athletics. By prohibiting males from competing on female teams, SB9 safeguards fairness, competition, and safety for women and girls. The push to normalize "gender identity" is both scientifically baseless and morally wrong. Biblically and biologically, there are only two sexes.

5. Noncitizens in Agriculture and Licensure

HB324 updates Pennsylvania's Poultry Technician Licensure Law to modernize and expand regulation of poultry technicians. It enables any U.S. legal resident to become a Certified Poultry Technician after completing a training course from the state Department of Agriculture, removing previous citizenship and education restrictions. The Secretary of Agriculture is granted broader authority to establish licensing standards and training procedures, which may include offering courses in Spanish. The bill also increases the licensing fee from \$5 to \$10 and enhances enforcement power.

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed HB324 on February 5, 2025 by a vote of 45 to 4. We have assigned pluses to the nays because expanding licensure to noncitizens undermines state sovereignty and advances globalist efforts to dilute American culture through mass migration. Such measures erode freedom, weaken American sovereignty, and feed into the broader agenda of merging the United States into a North American Union.

6. CO2 Trading Program Repeal

SB186 repeals all regulations tied to Pennsylvania's CO₂ Budget Trading Program, the state's framework for capping and trading carbon-dioxide emissions under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), effectively ending Pennsylvania's participation in RGGI.

The Pennsylvania State Senate passed SB186 on February 4, 2025 by a vote of 31 to 18. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the CO₂ trading program buys into the United Nations' Agenda 2030 scheme for "sustainability" and "climate action," a globalist agenda rooted in the climate-change myth. Programs such as RGGI are nothing more than hidden energy taxes that increase costs for families, farmers, and businesses while stripping state sovereignty and transferring power to international interests.