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LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

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RI Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022: 17%

✓ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional — Did not Vote **Vote**

1. "Driver Privilege Cards" for Illegal Aliens: Allows the division of motor vehicles to issue "driver privilege cards and permits" to applicants "unable to establish legal presence in the United States."



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · H7939 · 06/22/2022

2. Expanding Government Wiretapping: Grants the ability to apply ex parte for a court order authorizing the "interception of any wire, electronic, or oral communications" based on alleged felony violations of the Uniform Act on Prevention for Human Trafficking.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S2706 · 05/31/2022

3. Permanent Early, Mail-In Voting: Permits early voting by mail without an excuse, removes the requirement that mail ballots be signed by a notary public or two witnesses, and directs every municipality to maintain at least one ballot drop box.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S2007 · 05/25/2022

4. Gun-Free School Zones: Prohibits the possession of firearms on school grounds, except for peace officers, retired law enforcement officers, persons under contract to provide school security services, and unloaded firearms in locked containers or a locked rack in a motor vehicle.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · S0073 · 07/01/2021

5. Forced Minimum Wage Increases: Increases the minimum wage from \$11.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, over a 4-year period.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · H5130 · 05/06/2021

6. 2021 "Act on Climate": Mandates a statewide enforceable target of "net-zero" emissions by 2050, including an "equitable transition to climate compliance for environmental justice populations."



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · H5445 · 03/23/2021

Why do these votes matter?

1. "Driver Privilege Cards" for Illegal Aliens

H7939 allows the division of motor vehicles to issue “driver privilege cards and permits” to applicants “unable to establish legal presence in the United States.”

Persons unlawfully present in the United States ought not to be permitted sanctuary or residency in Rhode Island, let alone be considered eligible for a state-issued form of identification or permit. According to Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has the authority to establish a uniform rule of naturalization. Rather than pursue unconstitutional “sanctuary policy,” states should use their powers reserved under the 10th Amendment to address the crisis of illegal immigration and provide for their own public safety.

2. Expanding Government Wiretapping

S2706 grants the state’s attorney general the ability to apply *ex parte* to a court for an order authorizing the “interception of any wire, electronic, or oral communications” based on alleged felony violations of the Uniform Act on Prevention for Human Trafficking.

This bill expands the government’s ability to conduct unconstitutional “secret searches” of American citizens without providing them notice of lawful authority or purpose. It undermines the rights of the people guaranteed specifically by the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

3. Permanent Early, Mail-In Voting

S2007 permits early voting by mail without an excuse, removes the requirement that mail ballots be signed by a notary public or two witnesses, and directs every municipality to maintain at least one ballot drop box.

Permanent early, vote-by-mail schemes enable electoral fraud, which disenfranchises eligible voters. States should instead exercise their authority, under Article 1, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, to implement free, fair, and secure elections, providing equal protection of the right of American citizens to vote.

4. Gun-Free School Zones

S0073 prohibits the possession of firearms on school grounds, except for peace officers, retired law enforcement officers, persons under contract to provide school security services, and unloaded firearms in locked containers or a locked rack in a motor vehicle.

The 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms “shall not be infringed.” Government has a duty to secure the individual and unalienable right to self-defense on behalf of school students, faculty, and staff.

5. Forced Minimum Wage Increases

H5130 increases the minimum wage from \$11.50 per hour to \$15.00 per hour, over a 4-year period.

Forced minimum wage laws are anti-constitutional acts of government-imposed theft that violate the right to freedom of contract between employers and employees. They disparage the principles of both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which were intended to protect “private property” and guarantee “equal protection of the laws” for all Americans.

6. 2021 "Act on Climate"

H5445, the 2021 “Act on Climate,” mandates a statewide target of “net-zero” emissions by 2050, including an “equitable transition to climate compliance for environmental justice populations.”

This bill—modeled after the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Working Group III report—is a back-end, globalist-led effort to codify international treaty language on “environmental justice” into state law. There is no constitutional authority for federal, state, or local government to pursue such policy, particularly in the name of “climate change.” Unjust encroachments on Americans’ private property or undue interference with their free-market enterprise is protected against by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.