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TX Legislative Scorecard 2019: 50%

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

1. Child Contraceptive Providers: Would allow children under the age of 18 to be given contraceptives using taxpayer funding.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB800 · 04/16/2019

2. Music Venue Subsidization: Would use taxpayer money to subsidize certain music venues and performances.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2806 · 04/24/2019

3. Campus Free Speech: Would ensure that college campuses in Texas cannot take actions that restrict free speech on their premises.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2100 · 04/30/2019

4. Competitive Projects Bid: Would allow greater competition in the bids for public projects by opening them to nonunion groups.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB985 · 06/02/2019

5. Migrant Child Misrepresentation: Would ensure that anyone who misrepresents a child through a port of entry can be charged and prosecuted in any Texas county.



Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB888 · 06/14/2019

6. Healthcare Overreach: Would add additional healthcare coverage and cost by adding mammography to certain health plans.



Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB170 · 06/15/2019

Why do these votes matter?

1. Child Contraceptive Providers

HB800 would allow children under the age of 18 to access contraceptives using taxpayer funding.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB800 by a vote of 81 to 64 on April 16, 2019. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill pushes degeneracy toward children using taxpayer money. Children should not be offered these contraceptives as it could encourage them to use such things.

2. Music Venue Subsidization

HB2806 would use taxpayer money to subsidize certain music venues and performances. This is an overreach by the state government.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB2806 on April 24, 2019 by a vote of 95 to 43. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government should not practice favoritism for certain venues, especially not with taxpayer money. The spending in this bill serves to subsidize venues and musicians, which isn't needed and is very open to corruption.

3. Campus Free Speech

HB2100 would provide further protections for freedom of speech on college campuses and universities.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB2100 on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 85 to 58. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because freedom of speech is increasingly being challenged on college campus. The First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." This must be upheld on college campuses.

4. Competitive Projects Bid

HB985 would make public work project bids more competitive and open to nonunion groups.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB985 on April 30, 2019 by a vote of 93 to 54. We have assigned pluses to the ayes as this will create more competition in public work projects, bringing down costs and increasing quality. The free market offers the best results, and HB985 is a step towards that. Allowing nonunionized groups will create competition and ensure both sides put their best forward.

5. Migrant Child Misrepresentation

HB888 would allow people who misrepresent a child as a family member to be arrested with a Class B misdemeanor in any county throughout Texas.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB888 on May 23, 2019 by a vote of 100 to 43. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because illegal migration is out of control, and minors who enter illegally are often exploited or trafficked. This bill would ensure that the entirety of Texas can help ensure that children are safe — along with helping to secure the border — rather than just the border counties dealing with these situations.

6. Healthcare Overreach

HB170 would add more healthcare coverage and costs to the average person by adding coverage for mammography.

The Texas State House of Representatives passed HB170 on May 24, 2019 by a vote of 128 to 13. We have assigned pluses to the nays as this is an overreach by the government. Government should not interfere in healthcare or the free market. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Government interference is in direct conflict with that belief.