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WV Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom — Did not Vote

Vote

1. Restores the film tax credit program in West Virginia and would be retroactive to January 1, 2018.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2096 · 03/09/2022

2. Prohibits that a teacher may not teach that one race, ethnic group, or biological sex is inherently, morally, or intellectually superior to another race, ethnic group, or biological sex.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB498 · 03/02/2022

3. Prohibits the showing of proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entering the premises of any state or local governmental building or as a condition for entering the premises of a hospital or enrolling in a state institution of higher education.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB4012 · 03/12/2022

4. Prohibits biological males from participating on athletic teams or sports designated for biological females where competitive skill or contact is involved.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB3293 · 04/08/2021

5. Eases up on licensing requirements for plumbers, HVAC, and electricians.



Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB2008 · 05/20/2021

6. Creates the Industrial Business Expansion Development Program and is to be administered as a program within the Department of Economic Development.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB4001 · 09/12/2022

Scorecard Votes: 67%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Film Investment Tax Credit

HB2096 restores the film tax credit program in West Virginia and would be retroactive to January 1, 2018.

The West Virginia State Senate passed HB2096 on March 9, 2022 by a vote of 32 to 1. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is an improper use of government funds to benefit a specific industry or group of individuals. This is the government interfering in the free market by favoring one industry over another.

2. Anti-Racism Act of 2022

SB498 bans Critical Race Theory and prohibits that a teacher may not teach that one race, ethnic group, or biological sex is inherently, morally, or intellectually superior to another race, ethnic group, or biological sex.

The West Virginia State Senate passed SB498 on March 2, 2022 by a vote of 21 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because our government is pushing schools to teach racism with Critical Race Theory, which is rooted in communism and is part of the Marxist agenda. The goal is to pit Americans of different races and religions against each other, essentially becoming a catalyst for more racism. Our education system is broken and corrupt — and all at taxpayers' expense. This legislation is a good step in taking back our schools and protecting our children.

3. Vaccine Status

HB4012 prohibits the showing of proof of a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for entering the premises of any state or local governmental building, entity, department, or agency, or as a condition for entering the premises of a hospital or enrolling in a state institution of higher education.

The West Virginia State Senate passed HB4012 on March 12, 2022 by a vote of 23 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because an individual's personal health care decisions should not be the object of government, nor be under its federal, state, or local jurisdictions in the United States. Forcing an individual to produce their vaccination status would be a violation of their fundamental rights, freedoms, privileges, or immunities protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

4. Women's Sports

HB3293 prohibits biological males from participating on athletic teams or sports designated for biological females where competitive skill or contact is involved.

The West Virginia State Senate passed HB3293 on April 8, 2021 by a vote of 18 to 15. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill combats one of the radical Marxist ideas that the Left is promoting. This leftist indoctrination is brainwashing people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and that they can be transgender. Scientifically and biblically, there are two genders.

5. Reduced Licensure

HB2008 eases up on licensing requirements for plumbers, HVAC, and electricians.

The West Virginia State Senate passed HB2008 on March 17, 2021 by a vote of 17 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because oppressive and Marxist licensure requirements negatively affect the economy. Licensure requirements infringe on an individual's ability to earn a living or jump into a profession. Licensure requirements lead to reduced competition, which leads to higher prices and reduced innovation.

6. Industrial Business Expansion Development Program

SB4001 creates the Industrial Business Expansion Development Program and is to be administered as a program within the Department of Economic Development to encourage the continued development, construction, operation, maintenance, and expansion in West Virginia of high impact industrial plants and facilities.

The West Virginia State Senate passed SB4001 on September 12, 2022 by a vote of 28 to 1. We assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation expands the size of government by creating a new government program and forces government to interfere in the free-market economy. Government should not be propping up and subsidizing one business over another. This interferes with competition, suppresses innovation, and sets businesses up to fail.