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Arkansas
State Representative, HD-058 (R)

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Lifetime Freedom Score

AR Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom – Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Allows school districts that have experienced a decline in average daily membership to receive both Declining Enrollment Funding and Special Needs Isolated Funding. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · SB629 · 04/21/2021

2. Nullified all "acts, laws, orders, rules, and regulations of the United States Government, whether past, present, or future" that are unconstitutional regarding guns. ✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB298 · 04/15/2021

3. Prohibits the enforcement of any federal gun laws toward all personal firearms, firearms accessories, or ammunition "that is manufactured commercially or privately in Arkansas and that remains within the borders of Arkansas." ✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB59 · 04/15/2021

4. Allows students in seventh through twelfth grade to access vending machines offering food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards of the federal smart snacks in school program. ✗

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1783 · 04/14/2021

5. Bans doctors from providing gender-affirming health care for "transgender" children. ✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1570 · 04/06/2021

6. Requires Arkansas voters to show a photo ID to cast a provisional ballot. ✓

Pro-Freedom: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1112 · 02/02/2021

Scorecard Votes: 67%

Why do these votes matter?

1. Declining Enrollment Funding

SB629 allows school districts that have experienced a decline in average daily membership to receive both Declining Enrollment Funding and Special Needs Isolated Funding.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB629 on April 21, 2021 by a vote of 92 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation provides schools with extra funding for declining school attendance and enrollment and likely rewards schools with taxpayer dollars for poor school performance and management. Public education is not a constitutional right and this is an expansion of the failing public education system.

2. Arkansas Sovereignty Act Of 2021

SB298 nullified all “acts, laws, orders, rules, and regulations of the United States Government, whether past, present, or future” that are unconstitutional regarding guns.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB298 on April 15, 2021 by a vote of 76 to 18. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because under article VI of the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution is the supreme law of the land and every state is bound by oath to support it. Ultimately, states have a duty to nullify any infringements by the federal government and Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution gives congress specific powers and if there are violations of those powers, then states have a right to not comply.

3. Intrastate Firearms Protection Act

SB59 prohibits the enforcement of any federal gun laws toward all personal firearms, firearms accessories, or ammunition “that is manufactured commercially or privately in Arkansas and that remains within the borders of Arkansas.”

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed SB59 on April 15, 2021 by a vote of 74 to 18. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the fundamental right of the American people to keep and bear arms is protected by the U.S. Constitution, particularly in the 2nd, 9th, and 10th Amendments, and should not be infringed. Furthermore, under Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, states have a duty to nullify infringements by the federal government.

4. Federal "Smart Snacks in School" Program

HB1783 allows students in seventh through twelfth grade to access vending machines offering food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards of the federal smart snacks in school program.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed HB1783 on April 14, 2021 by a vote of 92 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because states should not be embracing unconstitutional programs that tell people how to behave and interfere in the free market.

5. Arkansas Save Adolescents From Experimentation (SAFE) Act.

HB1570 bans doctors from providing gender-affirming health care for "transgender" children.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives voted to override the Governor's veto for HB1570 on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 71 to 24. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas for years. This indoctrination is letting people believe that they can choose their pronouns and that they can be transgender. Scientifically and biblically, there are two genders. Minors are not old enough to consent and should not be able to choose to be something that they are scientifically not.

6. Voter ID for Provisional Ballots

HB1112 requires Arkansas voters to show a photo ID to cast a provisional ballot.

The Arkansas State House of Representatives passed HB1112 on February 2, 2021 by a vote of 75 to 20. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because strengthening our voter ID laws are crucial in the preservation of our election process and election integrity. Article IV, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution provides that “citizens” of the United States “shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities,” such as the “right of citizens of the United States” to vote as prescribed in the 26th Amendment. It would be an infringement on our rights to allow any ineligible elector to vote.