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Senator, SD-017 (D)

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DE Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. HB35 Death Penalty Prohibition Amendment (passed 14 to 7 on 6/30/25). Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article I of the Delaware Constitution to prohibit the imposition of the death penalty by adding language that explicitly bans it.	YES ✗
2. HB91 "Free" School Breakfast (passed 16 to 5 on 6/17/25). Provides a "free breakfast every school day" for all public-school students in schools participating in the federal School Breakfast Program, regardless of household income.	YES ✗
3. SCR120 LGBTQIA+ Acceptance Expanded Efforts (passed 21 to 0 on 6/26/25). Designates June 28, 2025, as "Stonewall Uprising Remembrance Day" to recognize individuals identifying as "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/agender (LGBTQIA+)."	YES ✗
4. SB150 Affordable Rental Housing Program (passed 18 to 0 on 6/10/25). Creates the Affordable Rental Housing Program (ARHP) within the Housing Development Fund. The ARHP is modeled on the federal Section 515 program, and provides loans for very low to moderate-income families, as well as elderly and disabled individuals.	YES ✗
5. HB140 Assisted Suicide (passed 11 to 8 on 4/17/25). The "Ron Silverio/Heather Block End of Life Options Act" establishes a process for a terminally ill adults to obtain and self-administer "medication to end their life in a humane and dignified manner."	YES ✗
6. SB5 Abortion Amendment (passed 15 to 6 on 3/11/25). Would amend the Delaware Constitution to establish a "fundamental right to reproductive freedom," which entails, but is not limited to, "abortion care," "contraception," "sterilization," "infertility care," "miscarriage management," and related services.	YES ✗

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Death Penalty Prohibition Amendment

HB35 proposes a constitutional amendment to Article I of the Delaware Constitution to prohibit the imposition of the death penalty by adding language that explicitly bans it.

We have assigned pluses to the noes because this bill undermines the principle of justice for the most heinous crimes, weakening deterrence against violent offenses and denying retribution for victims' families. The death penalty, when administered with due process, serves as a legitimate tool for the state to protect society and uphold moral order without expanding government power; abolishing it advances a leftist agenda that erodes personal responsibility and the rule of law.

2. "Free" School Breakfast

HB91 provides a "free breakfast every school day" for all public-school students in schools participating in the federal School Breakfast Program, regardless of household income.

We have assigned pluses to the noes because neither feeding children nor educating them is the role of the government. Each of these responsibilities belongs to a child's parents or family. Not only does charity have no part in the duty of government, but there can be no such thing as a meal that comes "free of charge." This type of "cradle-to-grave" program relies on the unconstitutional theft of taxpayer money for use on behalf of some citizens at the expense of others — resulting in more debt, dependency, and poverty. The hard-working people of Delaware must not be forced to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

3. LGBTQIA+ Acceptance

SCR120 Designates June 28, 2025, as "Stonewall Uprising Remembrance Day" in Delaware to recognize "LGBTQIA+" individuals, and encourages expanded efforts to inform Delaware residents about "LGBTQIA+" rights and history.

We have assigned pluses to the noes because this legislation promotes "woke" LGBTQ+ identity-based recognition, which fosters division and sanctions grossly illicit acts of sexual perversion. Homosexual behavior is contrary to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," undermining self-government and the family. It attacks the very foundations of a free society. Nothing in the U.S. Constitution can be used to support homosexuality.

4. Affordable Rental Housing Program

SB150 creates the Affordable Rental Housing Program (ARHP) within the Housing Development Fund. The ARHP is modeled on the federal Section 515 program, and provides loans to increase the supply of affordable housing for very low to moderate-income families, as well as elderly and disabled individuals.

We have assigned pluses to the noes because the State of Delaware has no business subsidizing "low-income housing." This legislation misuses taxpayer funds, and infringes on free-market housing. Lawmakers should enact policies that reduce regulatory barriers, uphold property rights, and encourage voluntary, free-market solutions rather than socialist central planning.

5. Assisted Suicide

HB140, the "Ron Silverio/Heather Block End of Life Options Act," establishes a process for a terminally ill adults with a prognosis of six months or less to obtain and self-administer "medication to end their life in a humane and dignified manner."

We have assigned pluses to the nays because physician-assisted suicide is murder. As with abortion, it blatantly violates the Hippocratic Oath, which has guided physicians for centuries, in addition to the Sixth Commandment. Given that the care of human life — not its destruction — is the greatest responsibility of government, Delaware ought to forbid physician-assisted suicide, upholding the sanctity of life for every person. Life is a gift from God, and its final disposition belongs to Him. It is also the first and foremost "unalienable" right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

6. Abortion Amendment

SB5 would amend the Delaware Constitution to establish a "fundamental right to reproductive freedom," which entails, but is not limited to, "abortion care," "contraception," "sterilization," "infertility care," "miscarriage management," and related services.

We have assigned pluses to the noes because the care of human life — not its destruction — is the greatest responsibility of government. Delaware ought to entirely forbid the practice of abortion, along with other grotesque methods of population control, and uphold the sanctity of life for every person, especially preborn children. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.