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IL Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote

Vote

1. HB2568 Homosexual Parentage (passed 77 to 40 on 5/31/2025). Would recognize parent-child relationships "without regard to the marital status, age, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation of the child's parents, or the circumstances of the child's birth." **YES**
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2. HR178 United Nations Day (adopted 96 to 19 on 5/31/2025). Declares October 24, 2025, as United Nations Day in the State of Illinois. **YES**
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3. SB1976 Enforcing Repealed OSHA Rules (passed 80 to 32 on 5/30/2025). Provides that the Illinois Department of Labor may incorporate federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations as they existed prior to being "repealed, revoked, amended, or newly interpreted." **YES**
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4. SB1675 "Gender Neutrality" in the Military (passed 108 to 0 on 5/23/2025). Removes gender-specific language from the Illinois Code of Military Justice, including "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." **YES**
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5. HB3097 Mandatory Federal Student-aid Applications (passed 84 to 24 on 4/10/2025). Requires school districts to assist "each high school student" with "education about and the completion of" a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or, "if applicable, an application for State financial aid." **YES**
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6. HB3489 Taxpayer-funded Abortion (passed 77 to 36 on 4/8/2025). Allows pharmacists to prescribe Medicaid-covered "emergency contraception" to patients. **YES**
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\$293,188

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Homosexual Parentage

HB2568 would recognize parent-child relationships without regard to "gender identity or sexual orientation of the child's parents."

Parental rights belong to the child's birth parents—not anyone else. No person has a right to sexually "groom" or abuse a child using the pretext of LGBTQ+ ideology. This bill would codify a radical version of the "best interests of the child" legislation, modeled after the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which seeks to rewrite U.S. family law entirely. Being contrary to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," the LGBTQ+ movement undermines self-government and the family. Parental rights, as with all other fundamental rights, are protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.

2. United Nations Day

HR178 declares October 24, 2025, as United Nations Day in the State of Illinois.

United States membership in the United Nations (UN) is nothing to "honor" or celebrate. We must do everything we can to *Get US Out!* of the UN. It poses one of the greatest threats to our God-given "unalienable Rights," not to mention American sovereignty. Since its founding in 1945, the UN has been a modern-day Tower of Babel. Since its founding in 1945, UN has been a modern-day Tower of Babel. Its Charter is completely antithetical to the U.S. Constitution, as it recognizes no authority higher than the state. Our Constitution was made for self-government under God, not secular world government. Illinois should call on Congress and the President to fully withdraw from the UN.

3. Enforcing Repealed OSHA Rules

SB1976 provides that the Illinois may incorporate "repealed" federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations.

This bill permits Illinois to enforce former and illegitimate workplace rules promulgated by an unconstitutional federal agency. Under the U.S. Constitution, there is no basis for OSHA's existence (see Art. I, Sec. 8). Besides, OSHA seriously infringes upon our rights and freedoms. In fact, OSHA was tasked with implementing President Joe Biden's illegal Covid-19 employee vaccine mandate. Illinois must better address workplace safety and health-related issues by applying the principle of individual liberty, through its own constitution or laws, rather than reverting to rescinded federal policies outside the role and scope of limited government.

4. "Gender Neutrality" in the Military

SB1675 removes gender-specific language from the Illinois Code of Military Justice, including "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."

This bill replicates a "gender-neutral" modification to the Uniform Code of Military Justice made by a Democrat-led Congress in 2021, following President Joe Biden's executive order on "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce." The General Assembly has no business complying with "woke" DEI-policies to socially engineer an effeminate, egalitarian, or insubordinate culture in the armed forces. These changes have resulted in not only homosexuals serving openly within the ranks, but women in combat and transgendered troops. It's subversive of all order, discipline, and the very existence of the military itself. State lawmakers should "bear true faith and allegiance" to the same constitutional principles that Illinois National Guard members also take an oath to "support and defend."

5. Mandatory Federal Student-aid Applications

HB3097 requires school districts to assist "each high school student" with "education about and the completion of" a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Education is not the role of government. Moreover, both federal student aid and the U.S. Department of Education ought to be terminated, as neither is authorized according to the U.S. Constitution (see Art. I, Sec. 8). Every school should be privatized, without any need for public funding that steals from taxpayers. If not dismantled, the government's monopoly on K-12 education and beyond will lead to universal state-controlled schooling. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education or financial future in the hands of the state. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved with a compulsory, failing, and government-run school system.

6. Taxpayer-funded Abortion

HB3489 allows pharmacists to prescribe Medicaid-covered "emergency contraception."

"Emergency contraception," such as the "morning-after" pill (e.g., Plan B), functions as an abortifacient. Abortion is murder, and no person has a right to kill a preborn child, let alone tax their neighbor to pay for it. In addition, Medicaid is a unconstitutional federal-state program (see U.S. Const., Art. I, Sec. 8). Given that the care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government, Illinois ought to abolish abortion completely. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and "unalienable" right mentioned in the Declaration of Independence and secured by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.