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Kentucky
Senator, SD-008 (R)

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KY Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional	✗ Unconstitutional	? Did not Vote	Vote
			YES ★
1. HB1 Reopening the Economy (Passed 29 to 8 on 2/2/2021). Allowed businesses to reopen and restored Kentuckian rights after COVID-19 lockdowns.			YES ★
2. SB2 COVID-19 Policy (Passed 23 to 5 on 9/9/2021). Prohibits the governor from creating a statewide mask mandate and prohibits healthcare facilities from requiring vaccinations of employees.			NONE ?
3. SB8 Vaccine Mandates (Passed 33 to 1 on 3/16/2021). Provides exemptions from mandatory immunization for any child, emancipated minor, or adult who, personally or by a parent or guardian.			YES ★
4. HB574 Elections (Passed 33 to 3 on 3/16/2021). Expands the state's early voting, lets people fix their own ballot issues, and allows drop boxes for people to submit their absentee ballots.			YES ✗
5. HB459 Broadband Fund (Passed 36 to 0 on 3/30/2022). Appropriates Federal Funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$127,000,000 and Federal Funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$123,000,000 to the broadband deployment fund. Estimated cost per household: -\$143.00/year.			YES ✗
6. SB83 Sports (Passed 29 to 8 on 4/13/2022). Prohibits male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as "girls".			YES ★

Scorecard Votes: 60%



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\$289,104

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Reopening the Economy

HB1 provides relief to businesses by allowing them to open during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also made is so that no state or local agency shall enforce restrictions related to the state of emergency impacting the ability of any business, nonprofit organization, or religious organization to remain open and fully operational for in-person services.

The Kentucky State Senate passed HB1 on February 2, 2021 by a vote of 29 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because Article IV, Section 4, of the U.S. Constitution, requires a limitation and separation of powers and the state legislature stepping in to stop the Governor's intrusive shut down. The right to peacefully assemble, exercise of religion and to operate a business are protected by both the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and no situation or event in the United States shall lead to the suspension of those rights.

2. COVID-19 Policy

SB2 prohibits the governor from creating a statewide mask mandate and prohibits healthcare facilities from requiring vaccinations of employees.

The Kentucky State Senate passed SB2 on September 9, 2021 by a vote of 23 to 5. 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 Constitutional rights.

3. Vaccine Mandates

SB8 provides exemptions from mandatory immunization for any child, emancipated minor, or adult who, personally or by a parent or guardian, submits a written sworn statement objecting to the immunization based on conscientiously held beliefs.

The Kentucky State Senate passed SB8 on March 16, 2021 by a vote of 33 to 1. 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 receive a vaccination or partake in any medical procedure would be a violation of their Constitutional rights.

4. Elections

HB574 expands the state's early voting, lets people fix their own ballot issues, and allows drop boxes for people to submit their absentee ballots.

The Kentucky State Senate passed HB574 on March 16, 2021 by a vote of 33 to 3. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation compromises the integrity of our elections, opening the door to fraudulent behavior, which ultimately drives people to lose faith in the election process. We need to push back against measures like drop boxes and early voting.

5. Broadband Fund

HB459 Appropriates Federal Funds from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$127,000,000 and Federal Funds from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$123,000,000 to the broadband deployment fund.

The Kentucky State Senate passed HB459 on March 30, 2022 by a vote of 36 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because federal funds for unconstitutional use comes with string attached, which expands the size of government. Government subsidized internet benefits only a specific part of the population. This is also another step towards socialism and government interference in the free market.

6. Women's Sports

SB83 prohibits male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as "girls".

The Kentucky State Senate passed SB83 on April 13, 2022 by a vote of 29 to 8. 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. Taxpayers fund sports programs in schools, so this legislation ensures that taxpayer dollars will not be going to athletic programs that embrace the woke culture.