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## LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD BASED ON THE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

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# \$26,723.45

Estimated Kentucky State Debt Per Household



## Lynn Bechler

Kentucky

Representative, HD-004 (R)

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# 67

Lifetime  
Freedom  
Score

## KY Legislative Scorecard 2021-2022

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

★ Constitutional    ✗ Unconstitutional    ? Did not Vote    Vote

- 1. HB459 Broadband Fund (Passed 97 to 0 on 2/23/2022).** 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 ✗
- 2. HB29 Gun Rights (Passed 75 to 20 on 3/10/2022).** Prohibits government within the state from enforcing federal firearm bans. YES ★
- 3. SB8 Vaccine Mandates (Passed 77 to 20 on 3/12/2021).** 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 91 to 3 on 3/29/2021).** 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. SB83 Sports (Passed 72 to 23 on 4/13/2022).** Prohibits male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as "girls". YES ★
- 6. HB1 Reopening the Economy (Passed 72 to 22 on 2/2/2021).** Allowed businesses to reopen and restored Kentuckian rights after COVID-19 lockdowns. YES ★

## Scorecard Votes: 67%

# Why do these votes matter?

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## 1. 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 House of Representatives passed HB459 on February 23, 2022 by a vote of 97 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.

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## 2. Gun Rights

HB29 prohibits government within the state from enforcing federal firearm bans and prohibits state government entities from allocating public resources or money to enforce a federal firearms ban.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB29 on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 75 to 20. 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.

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## 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 House of Representatives passed SB8 on March 12, 2021 by a vote of 77 to 20. 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 House of Representatives passed HB574 on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 91 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.

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## 5. Women's Sports

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

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed and overrode the Governor's veto for SB83 on April 13, 2022 by a vote of 72 to 23. 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.

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## 6. Reopening the Economy

HB1 provides relief to businesses by allowing them to open during the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislation 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 House of Representatives passed and overrode the Governor's veto for HB1 on February 2, 2021 by a vote of 72 to 22. 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. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and government interference in entrepreneurship and private business is in violation of that belief.