



Arkansas

Citizens First Congress



COMMUNITY GUIDE  
TO THE  
2009 ARKANSAS  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION

See how your legislators voted.

# 2009 SESSION SUMMARY

To the thousands of people who got involved in making their government work better, thank you! Our members and allies proved again that the political process works better when more people from every corner of the state and every lot in life work together for our common good.

We started the 2009 session with Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas and won significant progress on:

- closing the education achievement gap,
- improving energy policy to address global warming and save consumers money,
- making sure workers' claims are heard when employers steal their wages, and
- creating conservation easements to help private landowners protect critical wetland habitats.



*Bruce Lockett*



*Rubye Emerson*

As always, the victories need follow-up and the losses were not complete. Our education and energy policies are much stronger today, but more remains to be done. We set the stage for future progress on economic development and water policy. We have more work to do to create a fair tax system, advance the Dream Act, strengthen civil rights laws, and improve HIV-AIDS prevention and treatment for minorities.

Hundreds of people made a difference by coming to Little Rock for one of our six lobby days. Many got involved in hometown events and met with their lawmakers. Citizens researched issues and sent e-mails to legislators from their couches – responding to our alerts and more than quadrupling traffic on our website to get fact sheets, watch video of committee hearings and stay involved. Over 70 organizations and 500 people met with us in 2008 to build our agenda for this legislative session.

The 2009 Arkansas Legislative Session will be remembered most for the lottery implementation and resulting college scholarships; the tobacco tax increase that funded big health care improvements; and budget shortfalls caused by a deepening recession. Many worthy programs and services were left unfunded because of the tight budget.

Beyond these high profile issues, we monitored all 2,285 bills filed during the 88-day session. Details on many other bills, such as the important new Task Force on Poverty supported by Advocates for Children and Families, are in this guide and even more are on our website. Our interns from Hendrix, the Clinton School and UALR and our staff did a great job helping Arkansans make a difference – thank you!

Every legislator has a very difficult job and we thank them all for their service to a better Arkansas. If you disagree with your legislators on an issue, ask them to explain their vote; if you agree, thank them! Your lawmakers serve us all better when they know you're informed and engaged.

Thanks for doing your part to make Arkansas stronger,

Bruce Lockett, Rubye Emerson – CFC co-chairs

Handwritten signatures of Bruce Lockett and Rubye Emerson. Bruce Lockett's signature is in black ink, and Rubye Emerson's signature is in purple ink.

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# THIS REPORT IS A GUIDE...

to how every legislator voted on the 41 bills that the Congress thought were most important that had recorded votes. Though the CFC took positions on other bills, some did not come up for a vote. It does not endorse or condemn any legislator, it simply compares votes taken by legislators to the Congress' positions.

The report scores legislators on the Congress' Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas as well as other issues on our broad agenda. We break the votes down into specific issue areas so you can easily find out how your legislator voted on the issues that you care about most.

During the legislative session the Congress Steering Committee votes to support, oppose, or track various bills based on the Congress' agenda. We advocate for those positions, monitor how

legislators vote and compare the votes to the position the Congress took.

This guide does not tell you whether your legislator is "good" or "bad". You should ask why they voted the way they did and what it would take to get their support more often. Legislators are usually happy to explain their thinking. There are many complexities that are impossible to put in a voting chart. Charts tell you how your legislators tend to vote, but do not explain any single vote.

Legislators are volunteers who generally hold other jobs (they do receive a small stipend, but not a salary). Most of them don't have legislative staff or aides, and they considered over 2,000 pieces of legislation in the past three months. It's an incredible load to keep up with, even for the most seasoned members. We respect every legislator, even when we disagree.

Other significant legislation was considered which is not included in this guide. You can find more on [www.CitizensFirst.org](http://www.CitizensFirst.org) or on [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us) — the Arkansas Legislature's web site.



*Former CFC Chair Fannie Fields of Marvell discusses the achievement gap with sponsor Rep. Rainey of Dumas.*



*A student meets with Rep. Adcock during the Youth Lobby Day.*



*Panel founders Jean Gordon and Pat Youngdahl talk with Rep. Cheatham at the CFC lobby lunch.*

# HOW TO READ THIS GUIDE

- “✓” means the legislator voted with the Congress position
  - “✗” means the legislator voted against the Congress position.
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- **If the Congress opposed a bill,** “✓” means that the legislator voted **against** the bill, and “✗” means that they voted **for** the bill.  
**If the Congress supported a bill,** “✓” means that the legislator voted **for** the bill, and “✗” means that they voted **against** the bill.  
“✓” and “✗” do not show whether they voted for or against the bill.
  - A “✓” counts as one point, and “✗” counts as zero points to calculate the scores.
  - “NV” means “nonvoting”, and is counted as a “nay” vote because not voting has the same effect as voting against a bill. When the NV is in favor of the CFC’s position on a bill it counts for 0.5 points. If the NV is against the CFC’s position it counts for zero points.
  - Occasionally members are excused (E) from a vote. An "E" is not counted in the score.
  - It is customary for the Speaker of the House to be excused from all but the most controversial votes as he must also focus a great deal on making sure the House functions smoothly -- no easy task! Because of this, we have not given the Speaker (Rep. Robbie Wills) a score, but you can still see how he voted on all of the bills.
  - In the Overall Score Section, lead sponsors of our PRIORITY bills are marked with two asterisks \*\*. One asterisk \* means they were the lead sponsor of a bill which we supported.

*At the CFC Youth Summit, members prepared to attend committee meetings at the Capitol by seeing which committees their legislators serve on.*



# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

The overall scores show the percentage of the time legislators voted with our position. They ranged from a high of 95% to a low of 34% in the House and from 94% to 72% in the Senate.

This overall section also shows legislators' scores in each of the seven issues areas: agriculture, civil rights, economic justice, education reform, environment, government and election reform, and public health.

Each issue section has a summary of the bills we followed, a record of how each legislator voted and a score showing the percentage of the time the legislators voted with the Congress position on that specific issue. In the bill summary, bills that passed will be followed by their Act number, while ones that did not pass will have only the bill number.

The Congress owes great thanks to our members, allies and supporters for their work on these issues. *They* are the engine of change in Arkansas. And we thank the lawmakers for putting in the time and hard work required to serve Arkansas.



*You're never too young to get to know your representatives.*



*See our Legislative Directory to find out more about these legislators. It has contact information and photos for every legislator, as well as maps of the districts and committees.*

*Find the Directory at [www.CitizensFirst.org/resources](http://www.CitizensFirst.org/resources)*

## Legislative Scorecard

| House       | Ag   | Civ R | Econ | Edu  | Env  | Gov/Elec | Health | Overall |
|-------------|------|-------|------|------|------|----------|--------|---------|
| Abernathy   | 100% | 100%  | 63%  | 100% | 70%  | 75%      | 100%   | 76%     |
| Adcock      | 100% | 29%   | 75%  | 100% | 100% | 100%     | 0%     | 78%     |
| Allen       | 100% | 71%   | 75%  | 100% | 80%  | 100%     | 100%   | 82%     |
| Baird       | 50%  | 57%   | 38%  | 100% | 78%  | 100%     | 0%     | 65%     |
| Baker       | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 78%  | 100%     | 100%   | 89%     |
| Barnett     | 100% | 43%   | 50%  | 100% | 100% | 75%      | 0%     | 70%     |
| Betts       | 100% | 57%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 78%     |
| Blount *    | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Bradford    | 100% | 71%   | 63%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 78%     |
| Breedlove   | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Brown       | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 89%     |
| J. Burris   | 100% | 57%   | 50%  | 100% | 78%  | 50%      | 0%     | 68%     |
| M. Burris * | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 67%  | 75%      | 100%   | 81%     |
| Carnine     | 100% | 71%   | 38%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 0%     | 70%     |
| Carroll *   | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Carter      | 50%  | 57%   | 31%  | 83%  | 56%  | 100%     | 0%     | 55%     |
| Cash **     | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Cheatham    | 100% | 100%  | 63%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 84%     |
| Clemmer     | 100% | 43%   | 50%  | 100% | 94%  | 100%     | 0%     | 72%     |
| Cole        | 100% | 57%   | 63%  | 83%  | 78%  | 75%      | 100%   | 73%     |
| Cook        | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 89%     |
| Cooper      | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 90%  | 75%      | 100%   | 87%     |
| Cowling     | 100% | 57%   | 63%  | 67%  | 33%  | 50%      | 100%   | 59%     |
| Creekmore * | 100% | 14%   | 75%  | 100% | 100% | 100%     | 100%   | 76%     |
| Dale        | 100% | 29%   | 38%  | 100% | 78%  | 50%      | 100%   | 62%     |
| Davenport   | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 83%  | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 84%     |
| Davis       | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Dickinson   | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 89%     |
| Dismang     | 100% | 43%   | 38%  | 83%  | 100% | 100%     | 0%     | 68%     |
| Dunn        | 100% | 100%  | 50%  | 83%  | 80%  | 75%      | 100%   | 79%     |
| Edwards *   | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 86%     |
| English     | 100% | 43%   | 63%  | 83%  | 78%  | 50%      | 0%     | 65%     |
| Everett     | 100% | 71%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 84%     |
| Flowers     | 100% | 71%   | 75%  | 83%  | 89%  | 75%      | 0%     | 78%     |
| Garner      | 50%  | 29%   | 50%  | 100% | 78%  | 75%      | 0%     | 59%     |
| Gaskill     | 100% | 100%  | 63%  | 83%  | 78%  | 100%     | 100%   | 84%     |
| George      | 100% | 86%   | 63%  | 100% | 78%  | 50%      | 100%   | 81%     |
| Glidewell   | 50%  | 43%   | 25%  | 100% | 70%  | 75%      | 0%     | 55%     |
| Green       | 50%  | 86%   | 50%  | 100% | 80%  | 75%      | 100%   | 74%     |
| Greenberg   | 50%  | 71%   | 63%  | 83%  | 89%  | 100%     | 0%     | 73%     |
| Hall        | 100% | 71%   | 81%  | 83%  | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | 82%     |
| Hardy       | 100% | 100%  | 63%  | 100% | 80%  | 75%      | 100%   | 84%     |
| Harrelson   | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | 92%     |
| Hawkins     | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 90%  | 75%      | 100%   | 87%     |
| Hobbs       | 100% | 29%   | 63%  | 100% | 56%  | 75%      | 0%     | 57%     |
| Hopper      | 100% | 57%   | 38%  | 100% | 100% | 75%      | 0%     | 70%     |

## Legislative Scorecard

| House (cont.) | Ag   | Civ R | Econ | Edu  | Env  | Gov/Elec | Health | Overall    |
|---------------|------|-------|------|------|------|----------|--------|------------|
| House         | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>92%</b> |
| Hoyt          | 100% | 86%   | 63%  | 100% | 80%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>82%</b> |
| Hutchinson *  | 100% | 43%   | 38%  | 83%  | 67%  | 100%     | 0%     | <b>54%</b> |
| Hyde          | 50%  | 57%   | 63%  | 83%  | 60%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>68%</b> |
| Ingram        | 100% | 100%  | 50%  | 83%  | 80%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>82%</b> |
| Kerr          | 50%  | 43%   | 38%  | 67%  | 78%  | 75%      | 0%     | <b>54%</b> |
| Kidd          | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| King          | 100% | 29%   | 25%  | 50%  | 28%  | 75%      | 0%     | <b>34%</b> |
| Lea           | 100% | 43%   | 50%  | 83%  | 78%  | 75%      | 0%     | <b>65%</b> |
| Lewellen      | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 70%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>84%</b> |
| Lindsey **    | 100% | 71%   | 75%  | 100% | 100% | 100%     | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Lovell        | 100% | 57%   | 50%  | 67%  | 90%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>71%</b> |
| Lowery        | 0%   | 57%   | 63%  | 100% | 56%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>62%</b> |
| Maloch *      | 100% | 29%   | 38%  | 67%  | 50%  | 50%      | 100%   | <b>47%</b> |
| Malone        | 100% | 29%   | 25%  | 83%  | 56%  | 75%      | 0%     | <b>49%</b> |
| Martin        | 100% | 57%   | 38%  | 83%  | 80%  | 100%     | 0%     | <b>66%</b> |
| Maxwell **    | 100% | 57%   | 63%  | 100% | 80%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>76%</b> |
| McCrary       | 100% | 86%   | 50%  | 83%  | 78%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>76%</b> |
| McLean        | 100% | 71%   | 63%  | 83%  | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>78%</b> |
| Moore         | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Nickels *     | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Nix           | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 78%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Overbey       | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Patterson     | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Pennartz      | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 83%  | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Perry         | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Pierce *      | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Powers        | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Pyle          | 100% | 14%   | 63%  | 83%  | 44%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>51%</b> |
| Ragland       | 100% | 29%   | 38%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>65%</b> |
| Rainey **     | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 80%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Reep*         | 50%  | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Reynolds      | 100% | 71%   | 63%  | 83%  | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>78%</b> |
| Rice          | 100% | 29%   | 25%  | 67%  | 67%  | 50%      | 0%     | <b>49%</b> |
| Roebuck       | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| J. Rogers     | 100% | 71%   | 50%  | 100% | 56%  | 100%     | 0%     | <b>70%</b> |
| T. Rogers     | 100% | 71%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>84%</b> |
| Sample        | 100% | 57%   | 50%  | 83%  | 83%  | 50%      | 100%   | <b>69%</b> |
| Saunders      | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Shelby        | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Slinkard      | 100% | 43%   | 38%  | 83%  | 89%  | 75%      | 0%     | <b>62%</b> |
| G. Smith      | 100% | 100%  | 81%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>91%</b> |
| L. Smith **   | 50%  | 100%  | 75%  | 83%  | 100% | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |
| Stewart       | 100% | 100%  | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>86%</b> |
| Summers       | 100% | 14%   | 38%  | 100% | 56%  | 75%      | 100%   | <b>54%</b> |
| Tyler *       | 100% | 86%   | 75%  | 100% | 89%  | 100%     | 100%   | <b>89%</b> |

## Legislative Scorecard

| House (cont.) | Ag       | Civ R    | Econ     | Edu      | Env      | Gov/Elec | Health   | Overall    |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Wagner        | 100%     | 86%      | 75%      | 100%     | 80%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>84%</b> |
| Webb **       | 100%     | 100%     | 75%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | <b>95%</b> |
| Wells         | 100%     | 71%      | 63%      | 100%     | 70%      | 50%      | 100%     | <b>76%</b> |
| Wilkins       | 100%     | 71%      | 50%      | 67%      | 56%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>62%</b> |
| Williams *    | 50%      | 86%      | 75%      | 100%     | 78%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>81%</b> |
| Wills         | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>E</b>   |
| Woods         | 50%      | 57%      | 56%      | 100%     | 60%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>57%</b> |
| Word          | 50%      | 100%     | 75%      | 100%     | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>86%</b> |
| <b>Senate</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |            |
| Altes         | 50%      | 71%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>75%</b> |
| Baker         | 100%     | 71%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>78%</b> |
| Bledsoe       | 100%     | 57%      | 50%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>75%</b> |
| Bookout       | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Broadway **   | 50%      | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Bryles**      | 100%     | 100%     | 50%      | 100%     | 94%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>90%</b> |
| Capps         | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | <b>91%</b> |
| Crumbly *     | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>86%</b> |
| Elliott **    | 100%     | 100%     | 67%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | <b>94%</b> |
| Faris         | 100%     | 86%      | 50%      | 75%      | 94%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>79%</b> |
| Glover        | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Hendren       | 100%     | 71%      | 50%      | 88%      | 78%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>75%</b> |
| Horn          | 100%     | 71%      | 50%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>78%</b> |
| G. Jeffress   | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 100%     | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>86%</b> |
| J. Jeffress   | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 100%     | 89%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>89%</b> |
| B. Johnson    | 100%     | 71%      | 67%      | 88%      | 94%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>82%</b> |
| D. Johnson    | 100%     | 100%     | 83%      | 88%      | 100%     | 75%      | 100%     | <b>91%</b> |
| Key *         | 100%     | 86%      | 33%      | 88%      | 100%     | 75%      | 0%       | <b>78%</b> |
| Laverty       | 100%     | 100%     | 80%      | 100%     | 100%     | 75%      | 100%     | <b>94%</b> |
| Luker         | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 100%     | 94%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>88%</b> |
| Madison       | 100%     | 100%     | 67%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | <b>94%</b> |
| Malone        | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 100%     | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>86%</b> |
| Miller        | 100%     | 71%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>81%</b> |
| Pritchard     | 100%     | 57%      | 50%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>72%</b> |
| Salmon        | 100%     | 100%     | 67%      | 100%     | 100%     | 75%      | 100%     | <b>92%</b> |
| Smith         | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Steele *      | 100%     | 71%      | 67%      | 100%     | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Taylor        | 100%     | 57%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>75%</b> |
| Teague *      | 100%     | 71%      | 50%      | 88%      | 83%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>76%</b> |
| Thompson      | 100%     | 86%      | 75%      | 88%      | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | <b>91%</b> |
| Trusty        | 100%     | 50%      | 60%      | 88%      | 94%      | 50%      | 0%       | <b>72%</b> |
| Whitaker      | 100%     | 57%      | 50%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 0%       | <b>72%</b> |
| Wilkins *     | 100%     | 100%     | 67%      | 100%     | 94%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>93%</b> |
| Wilkinson     | 100%     | 71%      | 50%      | 100%     | 89%      | 100%     | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |
| Wyatt         | 100%     | 86%      | 67%      | 88%      | 89%      | 75%      | 100%     | <b>83%</b> |

# AGRICULTURE

## Supported

HB1451 - Hoyt

Would have created a Milk Stabilization Board and Fee to help dairy farmers survive periods when the wholesale price of milk drops below their production costs. It passed the House and Senate by large majorities – usually a good sign – but Governor Beebe asked the bill sponsor to pull the bill back to the House and pledged to release one-time money from current programs intended for bio-fuels to get the milk stabilization program off the ground in the next two years – only a short-term solution at best. The bill was criticized as being a tax on milk that will raise consumer rates. In fact it's not a tax but a wholesale fee similar to what many other professional groups and commodities place on their products and a University of Arkansas study showed that the stabilization program will actually keep milk prices lower for Arkansas consumers. Dairy advocates will be back next session to try again.

SB349 - Lavery - Interim study

Would have allowed rice farmers a greater voice in how their check-off funds are spent. Currently, all rice growers pay a check-off fee on the rice they grow and the money is given to the Rice Research and Promotion Board for research and promotion. Many farmers feel this Board is controlled by rice milling companies and that farmers don't have a fair say in how their own funds are spent. SB349 would give rice growers a choice of whether to send their check-off taxes to the Research and Promotion Board, or to a more farmer-accountable board with the same mission of promoting and developing rice.

SB442 - Key - Act 1205

Exempts raw food at farmers markets from the sales tax and help support local agriculture and local jobs – not to mention providing at least one source of food without a sales tax!



*Northwest Arkansas Lobby Day participants observe the proceedings of the House of Representatives from the gallery.*

## Agriculture

| House                          | HB1451 | SB442 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | NV     | ✓     | 50%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | NV     | ✓     | 50%   |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |

## Agriculture

| House (cont.)                  | HB1451 | SB442 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | ✓      | NV    | 50%   |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| King (R, Green Forest)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | NV     | NV    | 0%    |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | ✓      | ✗     | 50%   |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | ✗      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |

## Agriculture

| House (cont.)                 | HB1451 | SB442 | SCORE |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wells (D, Paris)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | NV    | 50%   |
| Wills (D, Conway)             | ✓      | NV    | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)         | ×      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)          | NV     | ✓     | 50%   |
| <b>Senate</b>                 |        |       |       |
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | ×      | ✓     | 50%   |
| Baker (R, Conway)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)          | NV     | ✓     | 50%   |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Capps (D, Searcy)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Faris (D, Malvern)            | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)          | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Horn (D, Foreman)             | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)           | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Luker (D, Wynne)              | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Steele (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Teague (D, Nashville)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |

# CIVIL RIGHTS

## Supported

### Priority

#### Civil rights commission

Although no legislation to create a Civil Rights Commission was introduced this session, we continued to support measures aimed at protecting Arkansans from age, racial and other types of discrimination and encouraged efforts to enforce current law on wrongdoers who willfully abuse others' rights.

**If you are interested in strengthening Arkansas' civil rights laws**, sign the petition at [www.CitizensFirst.org/issues/civil-rights](http://www.CitizensFirst.org/issues/civil-rights)

HB1637 - Blount

Would have made it easier for ex-felons to restore their voting rights.

HB 2245 - Maloch

Would have required a review of 165 life sentences given to juveniles offenders.

SB299 - H. Wilkins - Act 1458

Establishes a new racial profiling task force that will get data from state police on traffic stops and establish strategies to prevent racial profiling.

SB 377 - Elliott

Would have streamlined the process to restore a citizen's rights after completing a criminal sentence.

SB788 - H. Wilkins - Act 759

Requires audiotaping of police interrogations of juvenile suspects.

SB984 - Elliott - Act 1487

Requires state agencies to report on minority representation in the state's health-care workforce.

SB985 - Elliott - Act 1490

Requires state professional boards to have a representative of a minority professional association.

SB1001 - H. Wilkins - Act 768

Creates a racial profiling hotline - 1-877-246-4404.

SJR 12 - Madison AND HJR1014 - L. Smith

Would have ratified the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ensure that equal rights under the law shall not be denied on account of gender.

## Opposed

HB1093 - Sample

Would have restricted currently available services to undocumented immigrants and criminalize Good Samaritans who offer undocumented people help with health care, food, housing, etc.

HB2176 - King

Proposed barring municipal domestic registries.

## Tracked

### Domestic violence bills

Six bills to strengthen domestic violence laws:

HB1038 - Creekmore - Act 331

HB1039 - Creekmore - Act 194

HB1041 - Creekmore - Act 333

HB1414 - Creekmore - Act 698

HB1474 - L. Smith - Act 619

HB1711 - Tyler - Act 1447

### Other Bills We Tracked

SB91 - H. Wilkins - Act 309

Reforms the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission.

SB359 - Madison - Act 391

Creates the Arkansas Foster Youth Transitional Plan.

## Civil Rights

| House                          | HB2245 | SB299 | SB377 | SB788 | SB984 | SB985 | SB1001 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | ✓      | ✗     | ✗     | ✓     | NV    | NV    | NV     | 29%   |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | NV     | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 71%   |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | ✓      | 57%   |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✗      | 43%   |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | NV     | 57%   |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 71%   |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | ✓      | 57%   |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✓      | 57%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | NV     | 43%   |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✓      | 57%   |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✓      | 57%   |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | NV     | NV    | ✗     | ✓     | NV    | ✗     | NV     | 14%   |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | ✓      | NV    | ✗     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | NV     | 29%   |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 86%   |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗      | 43%   |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | ✗      | 43%   |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 71%   |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 71%   |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | ✓      | NV    | ✗     | ✓     | NV    | ✗     | NV     | 29%   |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | ✓      | NV    | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | NV     | 43%   |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 86%   |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | ✓      | 71%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | ✓      | NV    | ✗     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | ✗      | 29%   |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✗     | ✗     | ✓      | 57%   |

## Civil Rights

| House (cont.)                  | HB2245 | SB299 | SB377 | SB788 | SB984 | SB985 | SB1001 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | NV    | x     | NV     | 43%   |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | NV     | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 57%   |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | x      | 43%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | x      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| King (R, Green Forest)         | ✓      | x     | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | NV     | 29%   |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | NV     | 43%   |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✓      | 57%   |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 57%   |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           | ✓      | NV    | NV    | NV    | ✓     | NV    | NV     | 29%   |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         | ✓      | NV    | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | x      | 29%   |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | x     | x     | ✓      | 57%   |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | ✓      | NV    | x     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | x      | 57%   |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | x      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | ✓      | ✓     | x     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           | NV     | NV    | x     | ✓     | NV    | NV    | NV     | 14%   |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | ✓      | NV    | x     | NV    | ✓     | NV    | NV     | 29%   |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 71%   |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              | ✓      | NV    | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | NV     | 29%   |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | x     | ✓     | ✓      | 71%   |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | x     | ✓      | 71%   |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | NV     | 57%   |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | NV     | ✓     | x     | ✓     | x     | x     | ✓      | 43%   |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       | NV     | ✓     | x     | NV    | x     | x     | NV     | 14%   |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |

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| House (cont.)             | HB2245 | SB299 | SB377 | SB788 | SB984 | SB985 | SB1001 | SCORE |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)        | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Wells (D, Paris)          | ✓      | ✓     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)         | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 71%   |
| Williams (D, Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 86%   |
| Wills (D, Conway)         | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)     | ✓      | ✗     | ✗     | ✓     | ✓     | ✗     | ✓      | 57%   |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |

## Senate

|                               |    |   |   |   |    |   |   |      |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|---|---|------|
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Baker (R, Conway)             | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗  | ✗ | ✓ | 57%  |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)          | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Capps (D, Searcy)             | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)          | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Faris (D, Malvern)            | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)          | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)         | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Horn (D, Foreman)             | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✗ | ✓ | 71%  |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)        | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)           | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Luker (D, Wynne)              | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)         | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗  | ✗ | ✓ | 57%  |
| Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Steele (D, North Little Rock) | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✗ | ✓ | 57%  |
| Teague (D, Nashville)         | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)       | NV | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)      | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | E | ✗  | ✗ | ✓ | 50%  |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✗ | ✓ | 57%  |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 100% |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | NV | ✓ | ✓ | 71%  |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | ✗  | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓  | ✓ | ✓ | 86%  |

# ECONOMIC JUSTICE

## Priority

### Wage Theft

HB1576 - L. Smith - Act 622

Allows the Department of Labor to investigate wage theft up to \$2000 – up from the \$1,000 limit set in 1973. We appreciate the help of the Arkansas AFL-CIO and other labor friends.

### Rural Economic Development

Traditional economic development by-passes many rural and minority communities. Legislation to create a loan program for rural and minority-owned businesses was drafted but was not introduced this session because of the tight budget. We are working with our members, lawmakers and state agencies to develop a proposal for the next session.

### Progressive Tax Reform

HB1378 - Maxwell

Would have corrected a mistake in a bill that passed last session, which leaves single parents with 2 or more children subject to income taxes even if they are in poverty. This bill failed to pass Senate Revenue and Tax, although several tax breaks for big business did pass.

HB2203 - Williams - Act 1402

Protects consumers from exorbitant interest rates and fees on tax refund anticipation loans.

SB963 - Steele - Act 1485

Provides child care for TANF recipients in college.

## Opposed

HB1624 - Dunn - Act 691

Reduces sales tax on utilities used by manufacturers.

HB2248 - Carter

Would have eliminated some capital gains taxes.

SB875 - Horn - Act 695

Reduces sales tax on utilities used by manufacturers.

## Tracked

HB1587 - Tyler - Act 453

Clarifies that employer-required drug tests are to be provided at no cost to employees.

HB2228 - Cash - Act 1455

Places limits on the ways creditors seek repayment through the mail and at a debtor's workplace.

SB884 - Bledsoe - Act 809

Creates a regulatory review committee to review proposed rules of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

SB920 - Broadway - Act 976

Creates a Technology Acceleration Fund to be used for investment incentives to enhance the economy of the state through technology development.

SB1005 - Steele - Act 1222

Ensures that at least 10% of state-funded public construction and service contracts go to minority-owned businesses.

**TAX** *See pg 42 for more information on the Congress' position on tax reform.*

## Supported

SB470 - Elliott - Act 722

Creates a task force on reducing poverty and promoting economic opportunity in Arkansas, which has one of the nation's highest poverty rates.

HB1464 - Nickels

Would have increased the Arkansas state minimum wage to the new federal level of \$7.25.

## Economic Justice

| House                          | HB1378 | HB1576 | HB1464 | HB2203 | SB470 | SB963 | HB1624 | SB875 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | NV    | 31%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | ✓      | ×      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ×     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | ✓      | NV     | ×      | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 25%   |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | NV    | 81%   |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ×     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |

## Economic Justice

| House (cont.)                  | HB1378 | HB1576 | HB1464 | HB2203 | SB470 | SB963 | HB1624 | SB875 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | NV     | ×     | NV    | ×      | ×     | 25%   |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | ×     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| King (R, Green Forest)         | ✓      | ×      | ×      | NV     | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 13%   |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | ✓      | ×      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ×     | ×      | ×     | 25%   |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | NV     | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | ✓      | NV     | ×      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ×     | ×      | ×     | 25%   |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | ×     | 81%   |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       | ✓      | ×      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 38%   |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |

## Economic Justice

| House (cont.)                 | HB1378 | HB1576 | HB1464 | HB2203 | SB470 | SB963 | HB1624 | SB875 | SCORE |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Wells (D, Paris)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 63%   |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)             | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ×     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| Wills (D, Conway)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | NV    | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)         | ✓      | NV     | NV     | NV     | ✓     | NV    | ×      | NV    | 31%   |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 75%   |
| <b>Senate</b>                 |        |        |        |        |       |       |        |       |       |
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)         |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Baker (R, Conway)             |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           |        | ×      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)          |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)       |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Capps (D, Searcy)             |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)          |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)       |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Faris (D, Malvern)            |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)          |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)         |        | ×      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Horn (D, Foreman)             |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | NV    | 83%   |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)        |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | NV    | ×      | ×     | 33%   |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)           |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | E     | 80%   |
| Luker (D, Wynne)              |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)     |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)         |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)         |        | ×      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Salmon (D, North Little Rock) |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)        |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Steele (D, North Little Rock) |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Teague (D, Nashville)         |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)       |        | E      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | E      | ×     | 75%   |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)      |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | E     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 60%   |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | NV    | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 50%   |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)         |        | ✓      |        | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | ×     | 67%   |

# EDUCATION

## Priority

### Achievement Gap Package

We worked with our members, allies and lawmakers to develop five bills to help close the achievement gap:

#### HB2163 - Rainey - Act 949

Allows the Arkansas Department of Education to intervene in under-performing school districts earlier in the school improvement process using audits to identify needs and boost performance more quickly.

#### HB2164 - Rainey - Act 1314

Strengthens the Achievement Gap Commission by adding more parents from diverse areas around the state and adding more low-income representatives. It also expands the duties of the Commission and requires them to make a report before the Legislature every year on their efforts to help Arkansas close the achievement gap.

#### SB889 - Bryles - Act 1369

Increases the transparency of how effectively schools use “poverty funding” to help low income students do better in school. The Department of Education will develop a comprehensive report on how poverty funding is spent, and give educators, parents and policymakers the information they need to identify innovations that need support and ineffective strategies that need to be changed.

#### SB943 - Elliott - Act 1373

Requires each school district to include on a website basic information that parents, students and the public have a right to know. This includes school improvement plans and processes; parental involvement plans; professional development plans; local achievement gap task force activities; and extra services the school is required to offer students, such as tutoring and after school programs.

#### SB987 - Elliott

“Poverty funding” that follows a low-income child into school is spent by most districts each year to help close the achievement gap, but some districts carry over their poverty funding year-to-year, building surpluses while children lack the programs they need. This bill would have required districts that carry over more than 20% of their poverty funding to get permission from the Department of Education and report details on why they are carrying over the money. The bill passed the Senate, but failed in the House Education Committee.

*Sponsors Rep. Rainey, Sen. Bryles and Sen. Elliott join CFC members and allies to see the education achievement gap package signed into law.*



## Priority

### Dream Act

SB799 - Elliott

Would have given every student who graduates from an Arkansas high-school the opportunity to pay in-state college tuition, regardless of their immigration status. The Dream Act failed to pass the Senate by 13 for and 21 against.



*Sen. Elliott talking about the Dream Act during the Youth Lobby Day breakfast.*



*Rep. Rainey and students discuss education at the Youth Lobby Day.*



*College students let legislators know how deeply they cared about the education reform bills that lawmakers were considering.*



*Students asked Rep. Carnine of Rogers to support the Dream Act and education reforms to close the achievement gap.*

## Supported

HB1764 - Hutchinson - Act 970

Expands reporting on college remediation and graduation rates of public high schools.

SB49 - Key - Act 211

Allows tax refunds to be deposited directly in tax-free college tuition savings accounts.

## Tracked

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act combined three bills. See page 40 for a detailed description.

HB1272 - Blount - Act 397

Provides instruction to parents on how to incorporate appropriate at-home learning activities for their children.

HB2065 - Abernathy - Act 1397

Improves the way Ad Valorem tax data is used to determine public school funding amounts.

HB2170 - Carnine - Act 798

Provides intervention and assistance for public school districts in fiscal distress.

SB885 - J. Jeffress - Act 964

To study the affordability of higher education.

SB918 - Salmon - Act 1481

Increases participation in Smart Core Curriculum.

SB980 - Crumbly - Act 969

Provides increased salary incentives for teachers in high-priority school districts.



*CFC members were pleased when lawmakers passed several bills designed to begin closing the education achievement gap.*

## Education

| House                          | SB799 | HB2163 | HB2164 | SB889 | SB943 | SB987 | HB1764 | SB49 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Cook (D, Williford)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 67%   |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Dale (R, Dover)                |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | NV     | ✓    | 83%   |
| Davis (D, Earle)               |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             |       | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | NV   | 83%   |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| English (R, North Little Rock) |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Everett (D, Salem)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        |       | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | NV   | 83%   |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | NV     | ✓    | 83%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |

## Education

| House (cont.)                  | SB799 | HB2163 | HB2164 | SB889 | SB943 | SB987 | HB1764 | SB49 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      |       | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 67%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| King (R, Green Forest)         |       | ✓      | NV     | NV    | ✓     |       | NV     | ✓    | 50%   |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          |       | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        |       | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 67%   |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 67%   |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         |       | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            |       | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Nix (D, Benton)                |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Powers (D, Hope)               |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Reep (D, Warren)               |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              |       | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 67%   |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     |       | NV     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 83%   |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |

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| House (cont.)                 | SB799 | HB2163 | HB2164 | SB889 | SB943 | SB987 | HB1764 | SB49 | SCORE |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)            |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Wells (D, Paris)              |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    |       | NV     | ✓    | 67%   |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)     |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Wills (D, Conway)             |       | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)         |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)          |       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     |       | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| <b>Senate</b>                 |       |        |        |       |       |       |        |      |       |
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Baker (R, Conway)             | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)          | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Capps (D, Searcy)             | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)          | NV    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Faris (D, Malvern)            | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV    | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 75%   |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)          | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Horn (D, Foreman)             | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)        | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)           | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Luker (D, Wynne)              | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Steele (D, North Little Rock) | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Teague (D, Nashville)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)       | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)      | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 100%  |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | ×     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | ✓    | 88%   |

# ENVIRONMENT

## Priority

### Energy Package

This package of seven bills is the common-sense recommendations that emerged from the Governor's Commission on Global Warming:

HB1663 - Webb - Act 1494

Increases efficiency in schools and government buildings by creating a timetable for carefully assessing and gradually retrofitting state buildings to improve their energy efficiency – resulting in substantial savings for the state and stimulating the energy conservation industry in Arkansas.

HB1851 - Webb

Would have lowered barriers to creating a renewable energy market in Arkansas and helped consumers and Arkansas companies upgrade to renewable energy. Failed to pass the House Insurance and Commerce Committee, on a roll call vote, which is included in the voting chart.

HB1903 - Cash - Referred to Interim study.

Would have saved consumers millions of dollars and created Arkansas jobs by requiring the PSC to expand existing programs that help make homes and businesses more efficient, conduct energy audits and provide incentives for insulation and

weatherization. It was opposed by the utilities, who do not want to see consumers conserve energy and lower their profits.

HB2008 - Webb - Referred to Interim study

Would have given a tax credit for the capture of methane gas seeping out of landfills as materials decay.

HB2260 - Webb - Act1196

Requires an Arkansas city or county that issues building permits to adopt the 2004 energy code for new building construction. This is a substantial improvement in energy codes which will save consumers money and conserve energy.

SB440 - Broadway - Act1336

Allows the work of the Task Force on Sustainable Building Design and Practices to continue.

SB584 - Broadway

This bill would have provided low-cost financing to be used to retrofit state government and school facilities and remove legal barriers to the funding that would make them more energy efficient. Failed to pass Senate Insurance and Commerce.

## Priority

### Conservation Easements

With a conservation easement, a landowner can protect land along a stream or other natural area from development.

HB1577 - Lindsey - Act 351

Encourages donation of wetlands for conservation purposes by creating a state tax credit for donors. Current funding limits the program to a 3-year pilot project that will hopefully be expanded as new eligible wetland properties are identified and incorporated into the program.

## Priority

### Water Resources

We opted to not pursue legislation this session to create a water commission to develop a new state water plan. Instead, we are working through the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission to make sure their effort to revise the state water plan is a science-based, inclusive process. The water task forces created this session will play an important role in that process.

HB1746 - Edwards - Act 1177

Creates a task force on water source protection.

HB2033 - M. Burris - Act 1184

Creates a task force on water quality.

SJR6 - Broadway

Allows local and state governments to issue bonds to pay for making their buildings more energy efficient, to be paid off with the energy savings.

SJR 6 was incorporated into HJR 1004 - Cheatham - revising interest rate limits. HJR 4 is a proposed constitutional amendment that lawmakers referred to the November 2010 ballot when it will be voted on by all Arkansas voters.

## Supported

HB2077 - Webb

Proposed a tax credit for contractors that increase energy efficiency in newly constructed homes.

HB2078 - Webb

Would have assisted residents with energy audits and weatherization.

HB2268 - Carroll

Would have required regular testing of water resources affected by drilling.

HB2273 - Webb

Would have created a home efficiency revolving loan fund.

SB870 - Teague - Act 1220

Permits solid waste management facilities to collect and convert methane gas from landfills to electricity or other alternative sources of energy

SB921 - Broadway - Act 1372

Creates the sustainable building design program for state agencies.



*Flanked by environmentalists, Sen. Broadway and the bill's sponsor, Rep. Kathy Webb, Gov. Mike Beebe signs legislation to make schools and government buildings more energy efficient.*

## Environment

### Opposed

HB1026 - G. Smith - Act 389

Requires that a majority of the members of the Oil and Gas Commission be representatives of the oil and gas industry.

HB1131 - Ragland

Would have repealed the Energy Conservation Endorsement Act of 1977.

SJR11 - T. Smith

Would have limited the independence of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and placed it under the supervision of the state legislature and Governor's office.

### Tracked

HB2230 - Webb - Act 736

Provides tax incentives for windmill component manufacturers.

HB2247 - Maloch - Act 719

Allows the parties to an oil and gas lease to stipulate the prudent operator standard; allows the operator to perform the obligations of the lease in good faith instead of a higher fiduciary-duty standard.

HB2256 - Maxwell - Act 737

Exempts biomass for biofuel from the severance tax.

HB2265 - Harrelson - Act 951

Adds protections for property owners by providing for certain appeals from the Arkansas Public Service Commission to the Arkansas Court of Appeals.



*There was standing room only at the press conference where Rep. Joan Cash spoke in support of the Citizens First Congress Energy Efficiency Package of bills that save consumers money, help the environment and create jobs.*

## Environment

| House                       | HB1746 | HB2033 | HB1577 | HB1663 | HB2260 | SB440 | HB1851 | SB870 | SB921 | HB1026 | SCORE |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)         | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 70%   |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Baird (R, Lowell)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Baker (D, Osceola)          | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Betts (D, Searcy)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Blount (D, Marianna)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Brown (D, Wynne)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)     | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 67%   |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 89%   |
| Carroll (G, N. Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 89%   |
| Carter (R, Cabot )          | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ×     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 56%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Cook (D, Williford)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 90%   |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ×      | NV    |        | NV    | NV    | ×      | 33%   |
| Creekmore (D, East End)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dale (R, Dover)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Davis (D, Earle)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| English (R, N. Little Rock) | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Everett (D, Salem)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | NV     | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 78%   |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)      | ✓      | ×      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| George (D, Dardanelle)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 70%   |
| Green (R, Van Buren)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 80%   |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)  | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 89%   |
| Hardy (D, Camden)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 90%   |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)           | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | NV     | ×      | ×     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 56%   |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |

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| House (cont.)               | HB1746 | HB2033 | HB1577 | HB1663 | HB2260 | SB440 | HB1851 | SB870 | SB921 | HB1026 | SCORE |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     |        | NV    | NV    | ✓      | 67%   |
| Hyde (D, N. Little Rock)    | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ×     | NV    | ×      | 60%   |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )   | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| King (R, Green Forest)      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | NV     | ×      | NV    |        | NV    | NV    | NV     | 28%   |
| Lea (R, Russellville)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | NV    | ✓      | 78%   |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)   | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 70%   |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 90%   |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | NV     | ✓     |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 56%   |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)        | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    | NV     | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 50%   |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ×     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 56%   |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 80%   |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)     | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)         | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| McLean (D, Batesville )     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Nickels (D, N. Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Nix (D, Benton)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | NV    | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Powers (D, Hope)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | NV     | ×     |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 44%   |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)           | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ✓      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Reep (D, Warren)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Rice (R, Waldron)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | NV    |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 67%   |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)  | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV    |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 56%   |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )    | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 83%   |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 89%   |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)  | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | NV    |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 56%   |
| Tyler (D, Conway)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |

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|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 80%   |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Wells (D, Paris)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓     | ×      | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 70%   |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)           | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | NV    | ×      | 56%   |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)   | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Wills (D, Conway)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | NV    | ✓     | ×      | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)       | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | NV     | ×      | ✓     | NV     | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 60%   |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| <b>Senate</b>               |        |        |        |        |        |       |        |       |       |        |       |
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Baker (R, Conway)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Capps (D, Searcy)           | ✓      | ✓      | E      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | E      | 100%  |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Faris (D, Malvern)          | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ×      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 78%   |
| Horn (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock) | ✓      | E      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Luker (D, Wynne)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)   | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Salmon (D, N. Little Rock)  | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Steele (D, N. Little Rock)  | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Teague (D, Nashville)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 83%   |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | NV     | 94%   |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓     |        | ✓     | ✓     | ×      | 89%   |

# GOVERNMENT AND ELECTION REFORM

## Supported

HB1646 - Rainey - Act 1294

Makes it easier to vote in school board elections by making sure that multi-county districts open at least one polling place in each county which has a city with more than 500 residents within that district.

HB1968 - Webb

Would have improved Ethics Commission rules against conflicts of interest in voting and lobbying on state boards and commissions by prohibiting members from voting on issues in which they, their prospective employers or their family have a financial interest. This would have made state board and commission members subject to the same penalties for conflict of interest violations as they are for other violations of our ethics laws.

HB1404 - Webb - Act 281

Simplifies method for labeling statewide measures to be placed on the ballot during an election.

HB1339 - Cooper

To elect the president by popular vote rather than by a majority vote of the Electoral College.

SB945 - Elliott

Would have honored county employees' requests to withhold union dues.



## Tracked

HB1246 - Carroll - Act 188

Extends the time candidates can circulate petitions to qualify as an independent or new party candidate.

SB867 - Faris - Act 963

Strengthens ethics requirements for lobbyists and public officials.



*Rep. Kathy Webb and CFC member Prof. Robert Leflar testified for legislation to stop commission members from voting when they have a conflict of interest.*

*Youth in Wilmot helped with a voter registration drive. CFC member groups across the state ran drives leading up to the November elections.*

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| House                          | HB1646 | HB1968 | HB1339 | HB1404 | SB945 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓      | NV     | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | NV     | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | ✓      | NV     | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | NV     | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | NV     | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | ✓      | ✗      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | ✓      | ✗      | ✗      | ✓      |       | 50%   |

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| House (cont.)                  | HB1646 | HB1968 | HB1339 | HB1404 | SB945 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | NV     | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| King (R, Green Forest)         | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           | NV     | NV     | x      | ✓      |       | 25%   |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | ✓      | x      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | NV     | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |

## Government and Election Reform

| House (cont.)                 | HB1646 | HB1968 | HB1339 | HB1404 | SB945 | SCORE |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Wagner (D, Manila)            | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Webb (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 100%  |
| Wells (D, Paris)              | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)             | ✓      | x      | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | NV     | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| Wills (D, Conway)             | ✓      | ✓      | ✓      | NV     |       | E     |
| Woods (R, Springdale)         | ✓      | NV     | x      | ✓      |       | 50%   |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)          | ✓      | x      | ✓      | ✓      |       | 75%   |
| <b>Senate</b>                 |        |        |        |        |       |       |
| Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Baker (R, Conway)             | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Broadway (D, Bryant)          | ✓      |        |        | E      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Capps (D, Searcy)             | ✓      |        |        | E      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Crumbly (D, Widener)          | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Faris (D, Malvern)            | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Glover (D, Carlisle)          | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Hendren (R, Gravette)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Horn (D, Foreman)             | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Key (R, Mountain Home)        | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Laverty (D, Jasper)           | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Luker (D, Wynne)              | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Miller (D, Melbourne)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Steele (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Teague (D, Nashville)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | NV    | 67%   |
| Thompson (D, Paragould)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Trusty (R, Russellville)      | NV     |        |        | ✓      | x     | 33%   |
| Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |
| Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | ✓     | 100%  |
| Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | ✓      |        |        | ✓      | x     | 67%   |

# PUBLIC HEALTH

## Supported

### Priority - HIV/AIDS

The Arkansas Minority HIV/AIDS Task Force was created in 2007 to address the problems caused by the spread of HIV/AIDS in minority and rural populations. After the task force released its report in Nov. 2008 recommending increased funding for HIV/AIDS treatment, education and prevention programs, the Minority Health Commission announced that HIV/AIDS prevention and education would be its focus during 2009 and provided new grant funding. In addition, the Arkansas Department of Health is working to expand similar programs across the state. The task force is currently reviewing legislative proposals to increase the availability of HIV/AIDS tests.

### HB1204 - Reep - Act 180

Expands health care for Arkansas children and families by raising the tobacco tax, using the revenue to fund critical health initiatives: ARKids First expansion, substance abuse services, a statewide trauma system, community health centers, and school health clinics.

## Tracked

### HB2195 - Pennartz - Act 1193

Amends the Mental Health Parity Act.

### HB2224 - Adcock - Act 1403

Requires the Department of Health to permit and inspect concession stands.

### SB1002 - Steele - Act 574

Expands and clarifies the duties of the Minority Health Commission.

| House                          | HB1204 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | ✗      | 0%    |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | ✗      | 0%    |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | ✓      | 100%  |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | ✗      | 0%    |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | ✓      | 100%  |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | ✓      | 100%  |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | ✓      | 100%  |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | ✗      | 0%    |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | ✗      | 0%    |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | ✓      | 100%  |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | ✗      | 0%    |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | ✗      | 0%    |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | ✓      | 100%  |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | ✓      | 100%  |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | ✓      | 100%  |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | ✗      | 0%    |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | ✗      | 0%    |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | ✓      | 100%  |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✗      | 0%    |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | ✗      | 0%    |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | ✗      | 0%    |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | ✓      | 100%  |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | ✗      | 0%    |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | ✓      | 100%  |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | ✗      | 0%    |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | ✗      | 0%    |

## Public Health

| House (cont.)                  | HB1204 | SCORE | House (cont.)                 | HB1204 | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | ✓      | 100%  | Wagner (D, Manila)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | ✓      | 100%  | Webb (D, Little Rock)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | ✗      | 0%    | Wells (D, Paris)              | ✓      | 100%  |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | ✓      | 100%  | Wilkins (D, Bono)             | ✓      | 100%  |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | ✓      | 100%  | Williams (D, Little Rock)     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Kerr (R, Little Rock)          | ✗      | 0%    | Wills (D, Conway)             | ✓      | E     |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | ✓      | 100%  | Woods (R, Springdale)         | ✗      | 0%    |
| King (R, Green Forest)         | ✗      | 0%    | Word (D, Pine Bluff)          | ✓      | 100%  |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | ✗      | 0%    |                               |        |       |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | ✓      | 100%  | <b>Senate</b>                 |        |       |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | ✓      | 100%  | Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | ✗      | 0%    |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | ✓      | 100%  | Baker (R, Conway)             | ✗      | 0%    |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | ✓      | 100%  | Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | ✓      | 100%  |
| Maloch (D, Magnolia)           | ✓      | 100%  | Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | ✓      | 100%  |
| Malone (R, Fort Smith)         | ✗      | 0%    | Broadway (D, Bryant)          | ✓      | 100%  |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | ✗      | 0%    | Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | ✓      | 100%  | Capps (D, Searcy)             | ✓      | 100%  |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | ✓      | 100%  | Crumbly (D, Widener)          | ✓      | 100%  |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | ✓      | 100%  | Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | ✓      | 100%  | Faris (D, Malvern)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | 100%  | Glover (D, Carlisle)          | ✓      | 100%  |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | ✓      | 100%  | Hendren (R, Gravette)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | ✓      | 100%  | Horn (D, Foreman)             | ✓      | 100%  |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | ✓      | 100%  | G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | ✓      | 100%  | J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | ✓      | 100%  | B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | ✓      | 100%  | D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | ✓      | 100%  |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | ✓      | 100%  | Key (R, Mountain Home)        | ✗      | 0%    |
| Pyle (R, Cedarville)           | ✓      | 100%  | Lavery (D, Jasper)            | ✓      | 100%  |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | ✓      | 100%  | Luker (D, Wynne)              | ✓      | 100%  |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | ✓      | 100%  | Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | 100%  |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | ✓      | 100%  | Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | ✓      | 100%  | Miller (D, Melbourne)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Rice (R, Waldron)              | ✗      | 0%    | Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | ✗      | 0%    |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | ✓      | 100%  | Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | 100%  |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | NV     | 0%    | Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | 100%  |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | ✓      | 100%  | Steele (D, North Little Rock) | ✓      | 100%  |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | ✓      | 100%  | Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | ✗      | 0%    |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | ✓      | 100%  | Teague (D, Nashville)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | ✓      | 100%  | Thompson (D, Paragould)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | ✗      | 0%    | Trusty (R, Russellville)      | ✗      | 0%    |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | ✓      | 100%  | Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | ✗      | 0%    |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | ✓      | 100%  | Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | ✓      | 100%  |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | ✓      | 100%  | Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | ✓      | 100%  |
| Summers (R, Bentonville)       | ✓      | 100%  | Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | ✓      | 100%  |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | ✓      | 100%  |                               |        |       |

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*Special thanks to our interns, who helped us read all of these bills!*

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*Zachary Hunter*

*Jennifer Narrow*

## The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act

HB1002 - Wills - Act 606 • SB26 - T. Smith - Act 605 • HB2243 - Wills - Act 1405

These bills provide a state-wide college scholarship program funded by the new state lottery.

CFC members lobbied legislators to make sure that new scholarships were needs-based, which helps low-income students, instead of predominantly merit-based, which would favor higher-income students because of the achievement gap.

The scholarship plan was revised to move the minimum grade point from 3.0 to 2.5 – and set a minimum ACT score of 19 instead of excluding students from schools with grade inflation.

The results will need to be monitored, as the new requirements will likely still cause scholarships to disproportionately exclude low-income and minority students. Arkansas needs better support for remediation classes. We have one of the highest remediation rates in the US and many students spend all of their college money on remediation without ever earning credits toward a degree.

# SPONSORS

We would like to thank the key sponsors of bills we supported, especially sponsors of our priority bills. These legislators have a wide variety of overall scores, but deserve special recognition for taking leadership on issues for the public interest.

## Priority Sponsors



**Rep. Kathy Webb**, Little Rock  
Overall score: 95%



**Rep. David Rainey**, Dumas  
Overall score: 89%



**Sen. Joyce Elliott**, Little Rock  
Overall score: 94%



**Rep. Lindsley Smith**, Fayetteville  
Overall score: 89%



**Rep. Joan Cash**, Jonesboro  
Overall score: 92%



**Rep. Uvalde Lindsey**, Fayetteville  
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Sen. Jack Crumbly – 86%  
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Sen. Tracy Steele – 83%  
Sen. Larry Teague – 76%  
Sen. Hank Wilkins – 93%

# OVERALL SCORES

Here is a listing of legislators in the order of their overall scores. The scores are rounded to one decimal point to provide a more accurate listing.



*Members and staff do some last minute planning on the Capitol steps, before asking their legislators for a “yes” vote on legislation to close the education achievement gap.*

*At a CFC breakfast with legislators, Eddy Moore described provisions of the energy efficiency legislation to Representative Cook.*



| House                          | SCORE |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Webb (D, Little Rock)          | 94.6% |
| Blount (D, Marianna)           | 91.9% |
| Breedlove (D, Greenwood)       | 91.9% |
| Carroll (G, North Little Rock) | 91.9% |
| Cash (D, Jonesboro)            | 91.9% |
| Davis (D, Earle)               | 91.9% |
| Harrelson (D, Texarkana)       | 91.9% |
| House (D, Fayetteville)        | 91.9% |
| G. Smith (D, Camden)           | 90.5% |
| Rainey (D, Dumas)              | 89.5% |
| Baker (D, Osceola)             | 89.2% |
| Brown (D, Wynne)               | 89.2% |
| Cook (D, Williford)            | 89.2% |
| Dickinson (D, Newport)         | 89.2% |
| Moore (D, Arkansas City)       | 89.2% |
| Nickels (D, North Little Rock) | 89.2% |
| Pennartz (D, Fort Smith)       | 89.2% |
| Powers (D, Hope)               | 89.2% |
| Saunders (D, Hot Springs)      | 89.2% |
| Shelby (D, Hot Springs)        | 89.2% |
| L. Smith (D, Fayetteville)     | 89.2% |
| Tyler (D, Conway)              | 89.2% |
| Cooper (D, Melbourne)          | 86.8% |
| Hawkins (D, Vilonia)           | 86.8% |
| Edwards (D, Little Rock)       | 86.5% |
| Kidd (D, Jonesboro,)           | 86.5% |
| Lindsey (D, Fayetteville)      | 86.5% |
| Nix (D, Benton)                | 86.5% |
| Overbey (D, Lamar)             | 86.5% |
| Patterson (D, Piggott)         | 86.5% |
| Perry (D, Jacksonville)        | 86.5% |
| Pierce (D, Sheridan)           | 86.5% |
| Reep (D, Warren)               | 86.5% |
| Roebuck (D, Arkadelphia)       | 86.5% |
| Stewart (D, Kirby)             | 86.5% |
| Word (D, Pine Bluff)           | 86.5% |
| Hardy (D, Camden)              | 84.2% |
| Lewellen (D, Little Rock)      | 84.2% |
| Wagner (D, Manila)             | 84.2% |
| Cheatham (D, Crossett)         | 83.8% |
| Davenport (D, Yellville)       | 83.8% |
| Everett (D, Salem)             | 83.8% |
| Gaskill (D, Paragould)         | 83.8% |
| T.Rogers (D, Stuttgart)        | 83.8% |
| Hall (D, Marvel)               | 82.4% |
| Allen (D, Little Rock)         | 81.6% |

| <b>House (cont.)</b>           | <b>SCORE</b> | <b>House (cont.)</b>          | <b>SCORE</b> |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Hoyt (D, Morrilton)            | <b>81.6%</b> | Kerr (R, Little Rock)         | <b>54.1%</b> |
| Ingram (D, West Memphis )      | <b>81.6%</b> | Summers (R, Bentonville)      | <b>54.1%</b> |
| M. Burris (D, Malvern)         | <b>81.1%</b> | Pyle (R, Cedarville)          | <b>51.4%</b> |
| George (D, Dardanelle)         | <b>81.1%</b> | Malone (R, Fort Smith)        | <b>48.7%</b> |
| Williams (D, Little Rock)      | <b>81.1%</b> | Rice (R, Waldron)             | <b>48.7%</b> |
| Dunn (D, Forrest City)         | <b>79.0%</b> | Maloch (D, Magnolia)          | <b>47.4%</b> |
| Adcock (D, Little Rock)        | <b>78.4%</b> | King (R, Green Forest)        | <b>33.8%</b> |
| Betts (D, Searcy)              | <b>78.4%</b> | Wills (D, Conway)             | <b>E</b>     |
| Bradford (D, Pine Bluff)       | <b>78.4%</b> | <b>Senate</b>                 |              |
| Flowers (D, Pine Bluff)        | <b>78.4%</b> | Elliott (D, LittleRock)       | <b>94.4%</b> |
| McLean (D, Batesville )        | <b>78.4%</b> | Madison (D, Fayetteville)     | <b>94.4%</b> |
| Reynolds (D, Quitman)          | <b>78.4%</b> | Laverty (D, Jasper)           | <b>94.3%</b> |
| Abernathy (D, Mena)            | <b>76.3%</b> | Wilkins (D, Pine Bluff)       | <b>93.1%</b> |
| Maxwell (D, Monticello)        | <b>76.3%</b> | Salmon (D, North Little Rock) | <b>91.7%</b> |
| Wells (D, Paris)               | <b>76.3%</b> | D. Johnson (D, Little Rock)   | <b>91.4%</b> |
| Creekmore (D, East End)        | <b>75.7%</b> | Thompson (D, Paragould)       | <b>91.2%</b> |
| McCrary (D, Lonoke)            | <b>75.7%</b> | Capps (D, Searcy)             | <b>90.9%</b> |
| Green (R, Van Buren)           | <b>73.7%</b> | Bryles (D, Blytheville)       | <b>90.3%</b> |
| Cole (D, Lockesburg )          | <b>73.0%</b> | J. Jeffress (D, Crossett)     | <b>88.9%</b> |
| Greenberg (R, Little Rock)     | <b>73.0%</b> | Luker (D, Wynne)              | <b>87.5%</b> |
| Clemmer (R, Benton)            | <b>71.6%</b> | Crumbly (D, Widener)          | <b>86.1%</b> |
| Lovell (D, Marked Tree)        | <b>71.1%</b> | G. Jeffress (D, Louann)       | <b>86.1%</b> |
| Barnett (R, Siloam Springs)    | <b>70.3%</b> | Malone (D, Arkadelphia)       | <b>86.1%</b> |
| Carnine (R, Rogers)            | <b>70.3%</b> | Bookout (D, Jonesboro)        | <b>83.3%</b> |
| Hopper (R, Lakeview)           | <b>70.3%</b> | Glover (D, Carlisle)          | <b>83.3%</b> |
| J.Rogers (D, Walnut Ridge)     | <b>70.3%</b> | Smith (D, Hot Springs)        | <b>83.3%</b> |
| Sample (R, Hot Springs )       | <b>68.9%</b> | Steele (D, North Little Rock) | <b>83.3%</b> |
| Hyde (D, North Little Rock)    | <b>68.4%</b> | Wilkinson (D, Greenwood)      | <b>83.3%</b> |
| J. Burris (R, Harrison)        | <b>67.6%</b> | Wyatt (D, Batesville)         | <b>83.3%</b> |
| Dismang (R, Beebe)             | <b>67.6%</b> | Broadway (D, Bryant)          | <b>82.9%</b> |
| Martin (R, Prairie Grove)      | <b>65.8%</b> | B. Johnson (D, Morrilton)     | <b>81.9%</b> |
| Baird (R, Lowell)              | <b>64.9%</b> | Miller (D, Melbourne)         | <b>80.6%</b> |
| English (R, North Little Rock) | <b>64.9%</b> | Faris (D, Malvern)            | <b>79.2%</b> |
| Lea (R, Russellville)          | <b>64.9%</b> | Baker (R, Conway)             | <b>77.8%</b> |
| Ragland (R, Marshal)           | <b>64.9%</b> | Horn (D, Foreman)             | <b>77.8%</b> |
| Dale (R, Dover)                | <b>62.2%</b> | Key (R, Mountain Home)        | <b>77.8%</b> |
| Lowery (D, El Dorado)          | <b>62.2%</b> | Teague (D, Nashville)         | <b>76.4%</b> |
| Slinkard (R, Gravette)         | <b>62.2%</b> | Altes (R, Fort Smith)         | <b>75.0%</b> |
| Wilkins (D, Bono)              | <b>62.2%</b> | Bledsoe (R, Rogers)           | <b>75.0%</b> |
| Cowling (D, Foreman)           | <b>59.5%</b> | Hendren (R, Gravette)         | <b>75.0%</b> |
| Garner (R, Maumelle)           | <b>59.5%</b> | Taylor (D, Pine Bluff)        | <b>75.0%</b> |
| Hobbs (R, Rogers)              | <b>56.8%</b> | Pritchard (R, Elkins)         | <b>72.2%</b> |
| Woods (R, Springdale)          | <b>56.6%</b> | Whitaker (R, Cedarville)      | <b>72.2%</b> |
| Carter (R, Cabot )             | <b>55.4%</b> | Trusty (R, Russellville)      | <b>72.1%</b> |
| Glidewell (R, Fort Smith)      | <b>55.3%</b> |                               |              |
| Hutchinson (R, Bella Vista)    | <b>54.1%</b> |                               |              |

# HOW THE CONGRESS AGENDA IS SELECTED

The CFC has seven issue caucuses that meet between legislative sessions to discuss issues and build agendas on Agriculture, Civil Rights, Economic Justice, Education Reform, the Environment, Government and Election Reform, and Public Health. There are also four regional caucuses made up of representatives from each community group within that region. In 2009 we added a youth caucus.

Delegates from CFC member groups attend a convention before each legislative session where they present issues they want the Congress to endorse. These issues are considered, discussed and debated. Delegates then elect a broad platform of issues to support and a priority platform of Ten Priorities for a Better Arkansas for the upcoming session. See photos from the 2008 convention at [www.citizensfirst.org](http://www.citizensfirst.org).



*After months of meetings around the state, delegates from CFC member organizations spent two days and nights finalizing the 2009 Legislative Agenda. The August conference launches the last lap of campaign development before the Arkansas General Assembly convenes in January.*

## Tax Reform

Arkansas taxes low income people at **twice** the rate that we tax our wealthiest people. We have one of the most regressive tax policies in the country and nearly every time the legislature meets they make the system worse. We support low- and middle-income tax relief and oppose tax cuts for big businesses and the wealthy. To keep the state budget balanced, we also oppose tax cuts made without corresponding spending cuts or tax increases.

## Annual Legislative Sessions

With the November 2008 passage of the constitutional amendment authorizing annual legislative sessions, the Arkansas General Assembly will now meet every year: in regular session in odd numbered years for approximately three months, and in fiscal session in even numbered years for a maximum of 45 days. Fiscal sessions will be limited to only budget issues unless two-thirds of the House and Senate agree to hear a non-budget measure.

# 2008-2009 CITIZENS FIRST CONGRESS MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families  
Arkansas Canoe Club  
Arkansas Climate Action Project  
Arkansas Conservation Coalition  
Arkansas Farm Community Alliance  
Arkansans for Grandparents  
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance  
Arkansas Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice  
Arkansas Rice Growers Association  
Arkansas Wildlife Federation  
Bearden CDC  
Boys, Girls and Adults CDC  
Center for Artistic Revolution  
Central Arkansas Development Council  
Citizens Against Resource Exploitation  
Concerned Citizens of Marvell  
Delta Desha Veteran's Housing Foundation  
Delta E-Team  
Drew County NAACP  
Eastside Community Club of Dermott  
Fayetteville Natural Heritage Association  
First Presbyterian Church  
Future Builders, Inc.  
Gould Citizens Advisory Council  
Hispanic Women's Organization of Arkansas  
IUE-CWA  
Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition  
Jenkins Memorial Children's Center and Industries, Inc.  
LULAC Council #761  
McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center, Inc.  
Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center  
OMNI Center for Peace, Justice and Ecology  
Ozark Headwaters Group of the Sierra Club  
Phi Iota Alpha  
Sierra Club, Arkansas State Chapter  
Southeast Regional Council  
Southwest Arkansas Good Government Commission  
Stamps Citizens in Action  
Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Arkansas  
White River EPA  
Wilmot Concerned Citizens  
Women's Action for New Directions (WAND)  
Women's Project

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## TEN PRIORITIES FOR A BETTER ARKANSAS

- Increased resources for rural and small business economic development.
- Enact the recommendations of the HIV / AIDS Task Force.
- Progressive tax reform to provide low and middle income tax relief while generating sufficient state revenue.
- Enact the recommendations of the Global Warming Commission.
- Create an Arkansas Civil Rights Commission.
- Close the education achievement gap.
- Enact the Dream Act to make sure every student graduating from an Arkansas school has the opportunity to pay in-state college tuition.
- Create a Task Force on Arkansas Water Resources.
- Increase penalties for and enforcement of wage theft.
- Expand state incentives for land conservation.

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