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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**MATT SCHLAPP**  
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's Foundation's Ratings of the States are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp  
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area.

In 1971, ACUF launched its Ratings of Congress to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress. The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles.

In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, Ratings of the States grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers. Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America’s federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31.

Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected.

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# ALABAMA SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**69%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**78%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**37%**



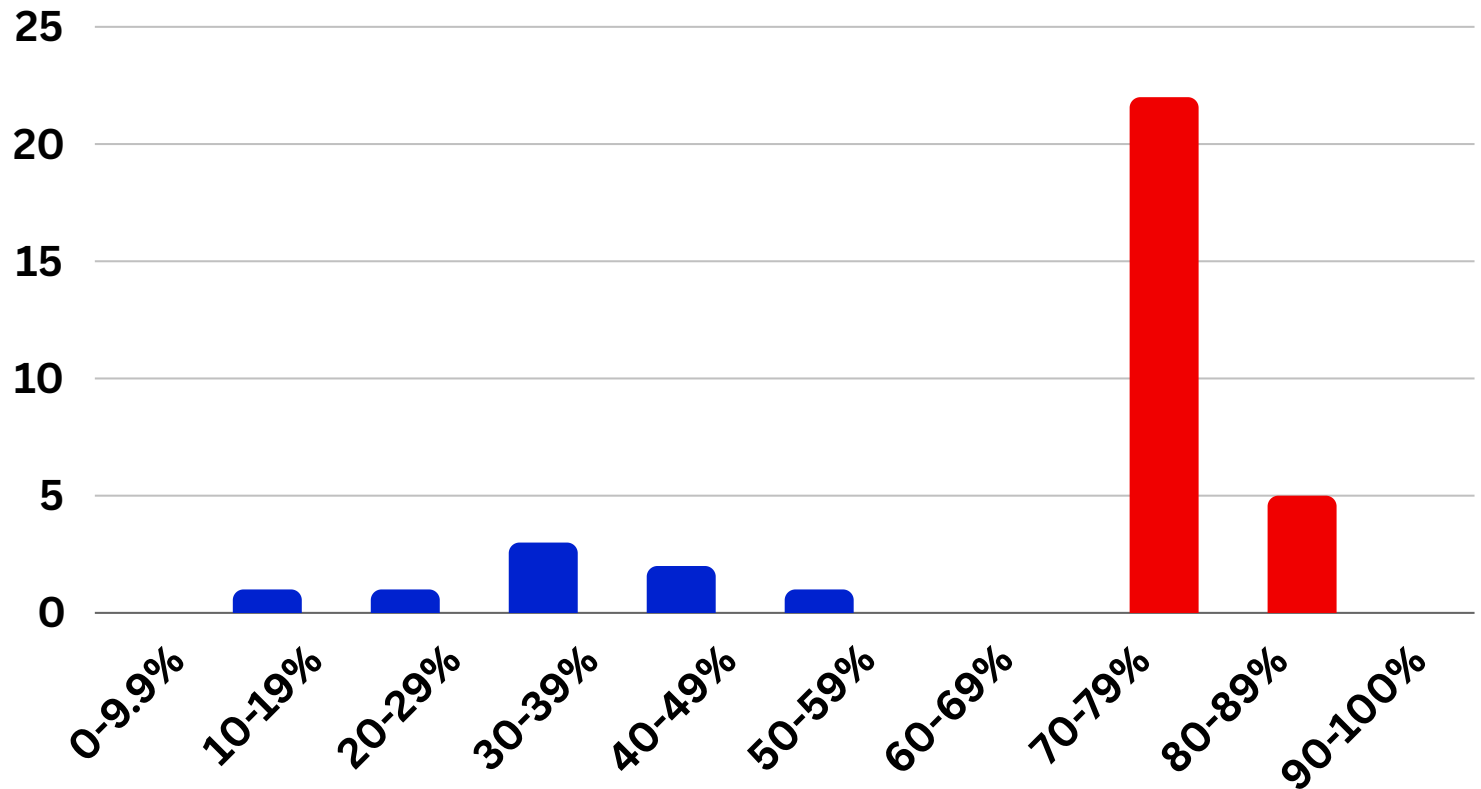
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**GREG ALBRITTON**  
**71%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**WILLIAM BEASLEY**  
**57%**



■ Democrat (8 Members) ■ Republican (27 Members)





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# ALABAMA HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE  
**62%**

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

**74%**



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

**30%**



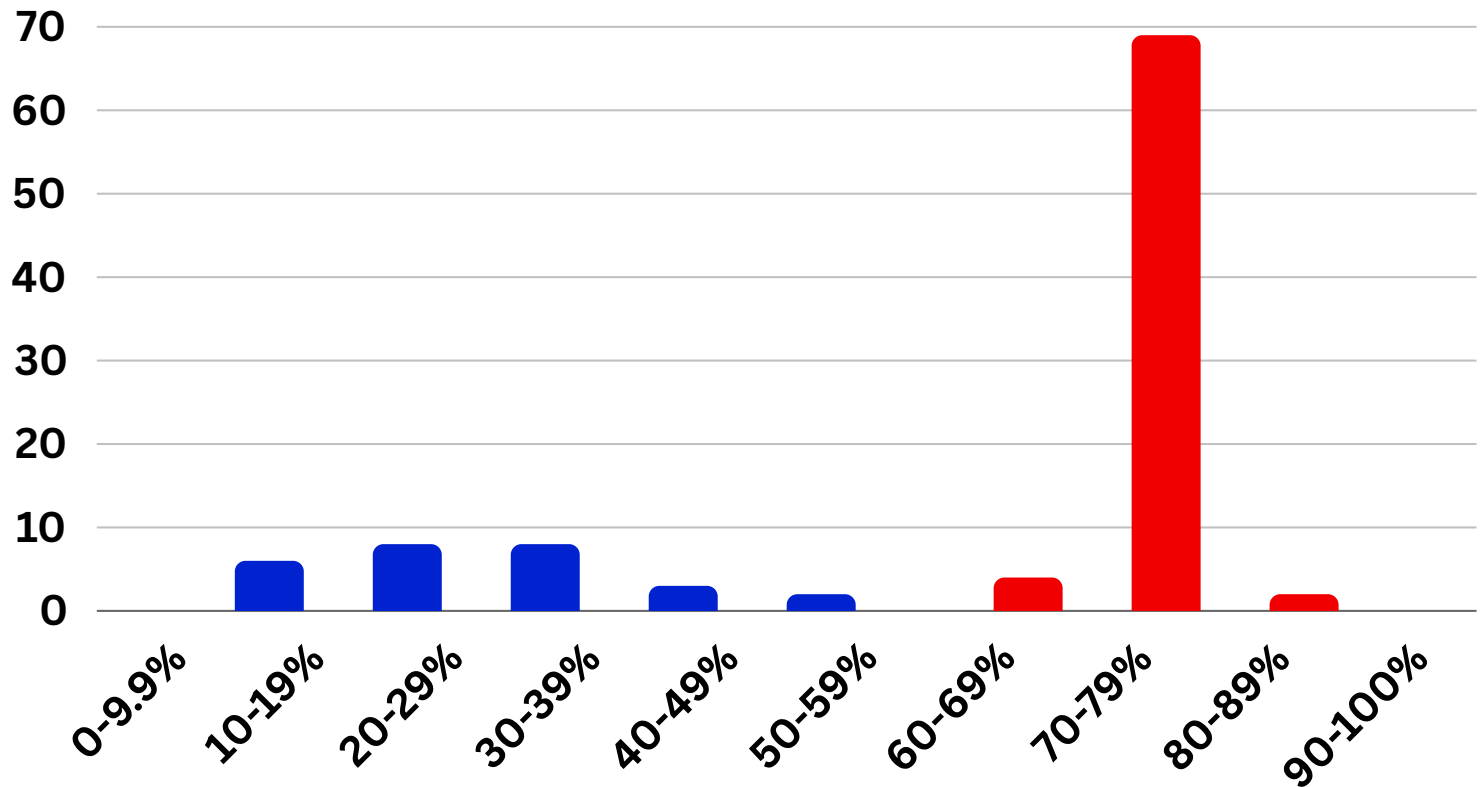
LOWEST REPUBLICAN  
**TRACY ESTES**  
**64%**



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT  
**BARBARA DRUMMOND**  
**55%**



■ Democrat (27 Members) ■ Republican (71 Members)





	Party	2023%	2022%	Lifetime%	SB 9	SB 175	SB 261	SB 263	HB 6	HB 241	HB 261	HB 379	HB 479
Greg Albritton	R	71%	69%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	X
Gerald Allen	R	75%	75%	75%	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+
Will Barfoot	R	71%	80%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	X
William Beasley	D	57%	44%	46%	X	-	-	X	+	-	+	+	+
Lance Bell	R	78%	N/A	78%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Tom Butler	R	78%	75%	75%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Josh Carnley	R	75%	N/A	75%	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Clyde Chambliss	R	78%	N/A	71%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Donnie Chesteen	R	78%	80%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Merika Coleman	D	17%	N/A	17%	X	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	X
Linda Coleman-Madison	D	33%	38%	40%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Chris Elliott	R	78%	81%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Vivian Figures	D	44%	42%	40%	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Sam Givhan	R	89%	73%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Garlan Gudger	R	78%	85%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kirk Hatcher	D	25%	47%	43%	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X
Jay Hovey	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+
Andrew Jones	R	78%	76%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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Keith Kelley	R	78%	N/A	78%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Steve Livingston	R	78%	76%	73%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Tim Melson	R	89%	81%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Arthur Orr	R	88%	76%	71%	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Randy Price	R	78%	75%	74%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Greg Reed	R	78%	76%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Dan Roberts	R	88%	77%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+
Clay Scofield	R	71%	75%	76%	+	-	+	x	+	-	+	+	x
David Sessions	R	78%	N/A	70%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Shay Shelnett	R	88%	80%	79%	+	-	+	x	+	+	+	+	+
Bobby Singleton	D	38%	43%	43%	+	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	+
Rodger Smitherman	D	38%	43%	45%	+	-	-	-	+	-	x	-	+
Robert Stewart	D	44%	N/A	44%	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Larry Stutts	R	75%	75%	71%	x	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
J.T. Waggoner	R	78%	73%	74%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
April Weaver	R	78%	76%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jack Williams	R	75%	73%	66%	x	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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## **SB 9 Securing Future Elections with Paper Ballot Requirements.**

This bill requires that electronic voter machines use paper ballots as a part of the process of tabulating votes. CPAC supports efforts to improve election integrity, supports efforts that make it easier to conduct audits of elections, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the initial version of this bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 29-0 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 175 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay for Other People's College Tuition.**

This bill sets up a grant program that helps reimburse the costs of tuition for individuals aged 25 years or older. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to fund other people's college tuition and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 34-0 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 261 No Public Contracts for ESG-Obsessed Companies in Alabama.**

This bill prohibits the government from entering into contracts with businesses that boycott energy or firearms companies. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the use of ESG standards in the state's decision-making processes and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 18, 2023 by a vote of 27-8 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 263 Substantial Improvements to Alabama's School Choice Programs.**

This bill amends existing laws to allow kids in a family living at or below 250% of the federal poverty line to receive educational scholarships to attend a school that better suits their needs. It also expands the amount of money that may be awarded through such scholarships. While CPAC would prefer to see stronger school choice legislation, it nevertheless supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed this bill on May 24, 2023 by a vote of 25-7 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 6 Protecting Parental Rights in General in Alabama.**

This bill recognizes the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. It then prohibits the government from interfering with this right. CPAC supports measures that promote the right of parents to guide their children through their early years and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 31, 2023 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill later became law.



## **HB 241 Expanding Programs that Benefit Government-Favored Businesses.**

This bill expands several programs that provide financial incentives to certain businesses. For example, it provides for a gradual increase of \$25,000,000 a year for five years on the cap for Alabama Jobs Act incentives. It also increases the annual cap on funds provided by the Growing Alabama Act to \$35,000,000. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular companies and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on April 20, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 261 Protecting Women's Sports in Alabama.**

This bill prohibits public universities from allowing males to compete on sports teams designated as being for females. CPAC supports efforts to create a safe and fair environment of play in college sports and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 3, 2023 by a vote of 26-4 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 379 No Alabaman Agricultural Land for Foreign Governments.**

This bill prohibits the governments of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia from acquiring a controlling interest in agricultural land within the state or any land within 10 miles of a military installation. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 18, 2023 by a vote of 26-7 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 479 Halving Alabama's Grocery Tax Over Time.**

This bill reduces Alabama's grocery tax from 4% to 2% over the next couple of years. While CPAC would prefer to see stronger tax reductions, it still recognizes the importance of this legislation for Alabama and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 30-0 and the bill later became law.



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Cynthia Almond	R	64%	75%	69%	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+
Alan Baker	R	75%	81%	64%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Russell Bedsole	R	75%	81%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Chris Blackshear	R	75%	80%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ron Bolton	R	73%	N/A	73%	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Barabara Boyd	D	33%	21%	40%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Napoleon Bracy	D	33%	19%	35%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Chip Brown	R	75%	81%	72%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mack Butler	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Jim Carns	R	75%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Prince Chestnut	D	36%	20%	42%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Adline Clarke	D	33%	19%	42%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Steve Clouse	R	75%	81%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
David Cole	R	70%	N/A	70%	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X
Terri Collins	R	75%	80%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Brock Colvin	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Danny Crawford	R	75%	81%	64%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Anthony Daniels	D	40%	19%	41%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	+	+	X	-	+
Barbara Drummond	D	55%	25%	43%	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	+
Susan DuBose	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Brett Easterbrook	R	N/A	81%	66%	+	X	X	X	X	+	-	X	+	+	X	X
Corley Ellis	R	75%	75%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Chris England	D	17%	19%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Phillip Ensler	D	25%	N/A	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Tracy Estes	R	64%	81%	66%	+	-	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
David Faulkner	R	75%	79%	64%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+

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# ALABAMA HOUSE SCORES

	Party	2023%	2022%	Life time%	SB 9	SB 175	SB 261	SB 263	HB 6	HB 209	HB 241	HB 261	HB 334	HB 379	HB 429	HB 479
Jennifer Fidler	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Bob Fincher	R	73%	81%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+
Berry Forte	D	50%	25%	40%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Danny Garrett	R	75%	80%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mark Gidley	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Juandalynn Givan	D	27%	19%	35%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Donna Givens	R	73%	N/A	73%	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Jeremy Gray	D	20%	19%	34%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	+	-	-	+
Laura Hall	D	11%	21%	32%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	X	+
Matthew Hammett	R	67%	N/A	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Corey Harbison	R	75%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ben Harrison	R	82%	N/A	82%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+
Kenyatté Hassell	D	25%	25%	25%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Jim Hill	R	80%	75%	64%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+
Frances Holk-Jones	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Rolanda Hollis	D	25%	25%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Leigh Hulseley	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Steve Hurst	R	73%	81%	66%	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Reed Ingram	R	73%	80%	61%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+
Thomas Jackson	D	33%	19%	36%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Sam Jones	D	33%	25%	40%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Jamie Kiel	R	75%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mike Kirkland	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Wes Kitchens	R	73%	87%	73%	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Bill Lamb	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Kelvin Lawrence	D	36%	25%	40%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	X	-	+

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Nathaniel Ledbetter	R	75%	81%	63%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Paul Lee	R	75%	81%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Craig Lipscomb	R	75%	81%	76%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
James Lomax	R	73%	N/A	73%	+	-	x	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Joe Lovvorn	R	75%	80%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Rhett Marques	R	75%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Artis McCampbell	D	20%	20%	33%	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	+	-	-	+
Thad McClammy	D	27%	19%	32%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	x	+	-	-	+
Arnold Mooney	R	73%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	x	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Parker Moore	R	75%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mary Moore	D	18%	19%	32%	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Tashina Morris	D	17%	19%	36%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Ed Oliver	R	73%	81%	71%	+	-	+	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Marcus Paramore	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Kenneth Paschal	R	73%	81%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	x	-	+	+	+	-	+
Phillip Pettus	R	75%	81%	60%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Chris Pringle	R	75%	87%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Neil Rafferty	D	17%	19%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Rick Rehm	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Rex Reynolds	R	75%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Phillip Rigsby	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ben Robbins	R	75%	80%	80%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Chad Robertson	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
John Rogers	D	17%	19%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Patrick Sellers	D	27%	N/A	27%	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Chris Sells	R	75%	80%	66%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+

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Ginny Shaver	R	75%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mike Shaw	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Randall Shedd	R	75%	80%	62%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Mark Shirey	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Matt Simpson	R	75%	81%	70%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ivan Smith	R	67%	81%	72%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Jeff Sorrells	R	75%	81%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Scott Stadthagen	R	75%	81%	69%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
David Standridge	R	75%	87%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Jerry Starnes	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Shane Stringer	R	75%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Troy Stubbs	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ontario Tillman	D	45%	N/A	45%	-	-	-	x	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Curtis Travis	D	33%	N/A	33%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Allen Treadaway	R	75%	81%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Kerry Underwood	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Tim Wadsworth	R	75%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Pebblin Warren	D	45%	31%	40%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	x	+	+	-	+
Andy Whitt	R	73%	81%	71%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	x	-	+
Ritchie Whorton	R	75%	81%	68%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Margie Wilcox	R	70%	81%	67%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	x	x	-	+
Randy Wood	R	75%	81%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Debbie Hamby Wood	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Matt Woods	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Ernie Yarbrough	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+

(+) : Member voted with the conservative position (-) : Member voted liberal (x) : Member was absent for the vote (N/a) : Member did not vote on 2/3 of the scored votes and did not receive a score for the 2022 ratings.



## **SB 9 Securing Future Elections with Paper Ballot Requirements.**

This bill requires that electronic voter machines use paper ballots as a part of the process of tabulating votes. CPAC supports efforts to improve election integrity, supports efforts that make it easier to conduct audits of elections, and supported this bill. The House passed the initial version of this bill on May 2, 2023 by a vote of 78-27 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 175 Forcing Taxpayers to Pay for Other People's College Tuition.**

This bill sets up a grant program that helps reimburse the costs of tuition for individuals aged 25 years or older. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to fund other people's college tuition and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 102-0 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 261 No Public Contracts for ESG-Obsessed Companies in Alabama.**

This bill prohibits the government from entering into contracts with businesses that boycott energy or firearms companies. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the use of ESG standards in the state's decision-making processes and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 31, 2023 by a vote of 74-27 and the bill later became law.

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## **SB 263 Substantial Improvements to Alabama's School Choice Programs.**

This bill amends existing laws to allow kids in a family living at or below 250% of the federal poverty line to receive educational scholarships to attend a school that better suits their needs. It also expands the amount of money that may be awarded through such scholarships. While CPAC would prefer to see stronger school choice legislation, it nevertheless supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed this bill on May 31, 2023 by a vote of 73-22 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 6 Protecting Parental Rights in General in Alabama.**

This bill recognizes the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. It then prohibits the government from interfering with this right. CPAC supports measures that promote the right of parents to guide their children through their early years and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 24, 2023 by a vote of 87-8 and the bill later became law.



## **HB 209 Prohibiting Certain Forms of Ballot Harvesting.**

This bill prohibits individuals from distributing or collecting absentee ballots and their associated applications. CPAC recognizes that ballot harvesting is a gateway to election fraud, supports efforts to restrict and prohibit its practice, and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 76-28 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

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## **HB 241 Expanding Programs that Benefit Government-Favored Businesses.**

This bill expands several programs that provide financial incentives to certain businesses. For example, it provides for a gradual increase of \$25,000,000 a year for five years on the cap for Alabama Jobs Act incentives. It also increases the annual cap on funds provided by the Growing Alabama Act to \$35,000,000. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular companies over others and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on April 13, 2023 by a vote of 105-0 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 261 Protecting Women's Sports in Alabama.**

This bill prohibits public universities from allowing males to compete on sports teams designated as being for females. CPAC supports efforts to create a safe and fair environment of play in college sports and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on May 24, 2023 by a vote of 93-4 and the bill later became law.

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## **HB 334 Attempt to Promote School Choice in Alabama.**

This bill sets up scholarship education accounts for certain disadvantaged students such that their parents may enroll them in an educational program that best suits their needs. While CPAC would prefer to see a more expansive school choice bill from the legislature, it still supports school choice and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed this bill on May 11, 2023 by a vote of 99-5 but the bill stalled in the Senate.

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## **HB 379 No Alabaman Agricultural Land for Foreign Governments.**

This bill prohibits the governments of China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia from acquiring a controlling interest in agricultural land within the state or any land within 10 miles of a military installation. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to further the US' security interests and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 9, 2023 by a vote of 73-23 and the bill later became law.





**HB 429 Subsidizing Virtual Reality.**

This bill expands the types of industries that may receive financial incentives from the government to include entertainment companies that create virtual reality content. It also expands the amount of rebates and incentives that an individual company may receive. CPAC does not believe that taxpayers should be forced to subsidize the production of virtual reality content and opposed this bill. The House passed this bill on May 23, 2023 by a vote of 100-1 and the bill later became law.

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**HB 479 Halving Alabama's Grocery Tax Over Time.**

This bill reduces Alabama's grocery tax from 4% to 2% over the next couple of years. While CPAC would prefer to see stronger tax reductions, it still recognizes the importance of this legislation for Alabama and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 101-0 and the bill later became law.