



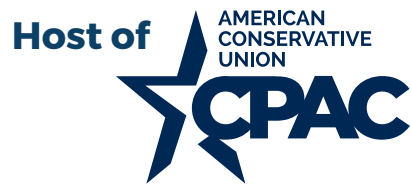
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RATINGS of NEW JERSEY 2020



The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of New Jersey* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU 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.



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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), 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 addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. 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.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

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.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

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. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

1 since last year*

SENATE

DOHERTY, MICHAEL

3 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

CATALANO, JOHN

MCGUCKIN, GREGORY

WEBBER, JAY

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

1 since last year*

SENATE

CONNORS, CHRISTOPHER

TESTA, MICHAEL

9 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

AUTH, ROBERT

BERGEN, BRIAN

BRAMNICK, JON

CLIFTON, ROBERT

DIMAIO, JOHN

DIMASO, SERENA

GOVE, DIANNE

PETERSON, ERIK

RUMPF, BRIAN

SCHARFENBERGER, GERARD

SCHEPISI, HOLLY

SPACE, PARKER

STANFIELD, JEAN

THOMSON, EDWARD

WIRTHS, HAROLD

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

1 since last year*

SENATE

Beach, James

Codey, Richard

Cruz-Perez, Nilsa

Cryan, Joseph

Cunningham, Sandra

Diegnan, Patrick

Greenstein, Linda

Lagana, Joseph

Madden, Fred

Pou, Nellie

Rice, Ronald

Ruiz, M. Teresa

Sarlo, Paul

Scutari, Nicholas

Singleton, Troy

Smith, Bob

Stack, Brian

Sweeney, Stephen

Turner, Shirley

Vitale, Joseph

Weinberg, Loretta

29 since last year*

ASSEMBLY

Benson, Daniel

Burzichelli, John

Calabrese, Clinton

Carter, Linda

Chaparro, Annette

Chiaravalloti, Nicholas

Conaway, Herb

Coughlin, Craig

Danielsen, Joe

DeAngelo, Wayne

Egan, Joseph

Giblin, Thomas

Greenwald, Louis

Huttle, Valerie

Jasey, Mila

Jimenez, Angelica

Johnson, Gordon

Karabinchak, Robert

Kennedy, James

Lampitt, Pamela

Lopez, Yvonne

Mazzeo, Vincent

McKeon, John

McKnight, Angela

Mejia, Pedro

Moen, William

Mosquera, Gabriela

Mukherji, Raj

Murphy, Carol

Pinkin, Nancy

Pintor Marin, Eliana

Quijano, Annette

Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina

Schaer, Gary

Spearman, William

Speight, Shanique

Sumter, Shavonda

Swain, Lisa

Taliaferro, Adam

Timberlake, Britnee

Tucker, Cleopatra

Tully, P. Christopher

Verrelli, Anthony

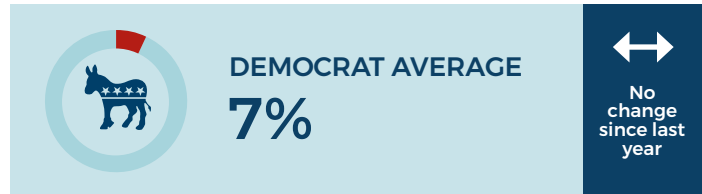
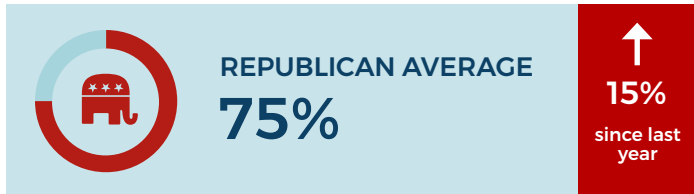
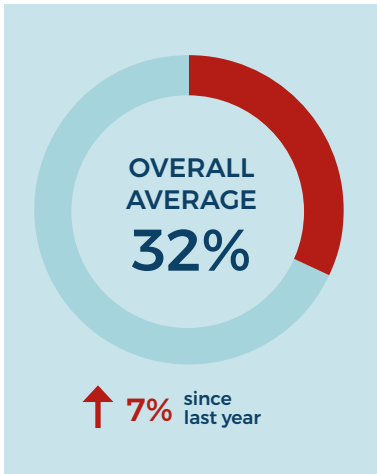
Wimberly, Benjie

Zwicker, Andrew

*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
 Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



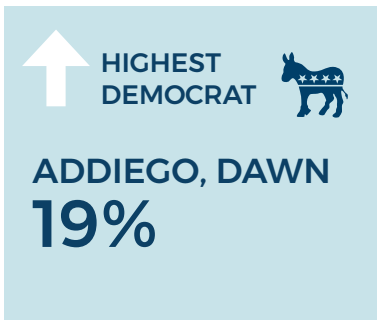
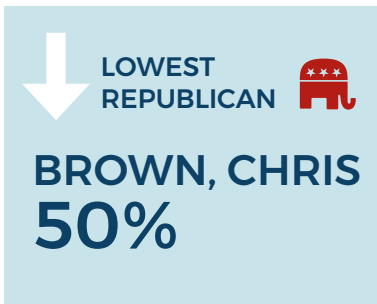
NEW JERSEY SENATE STATISTICS



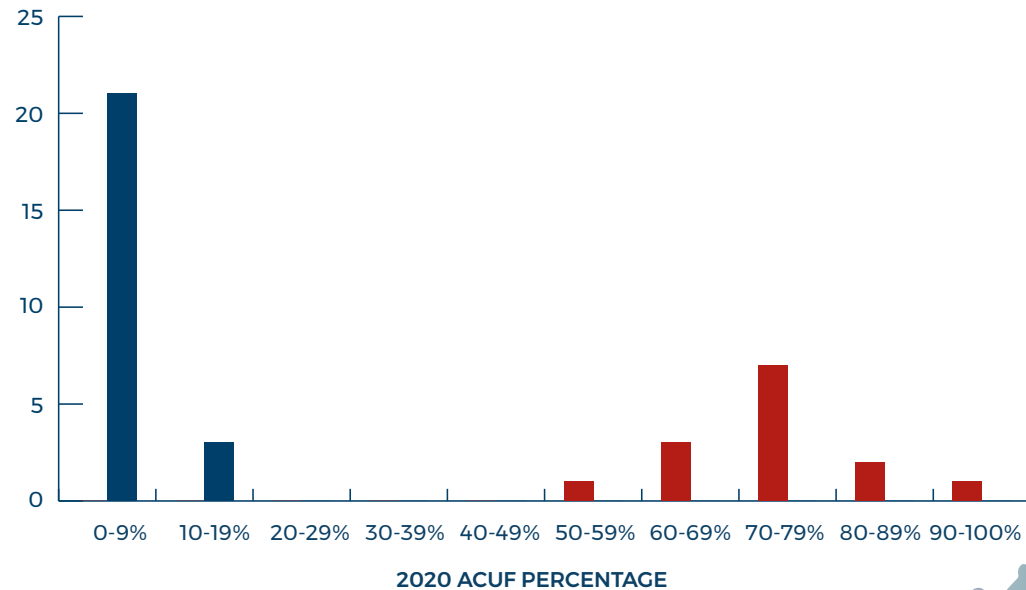
NEW JERSEY SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

*** **RED = REPUBLICANS**
15 TOTAL IN SENATE

*** **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
25 TOTAL IN SENATE



OF STATE SENATORS





NEW JERSEY SENATE SCORES

NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	AB 4	AB 10	SB 221	SB 232	SB 349	AB 543	SB 703	AB 838	SB 864	SB 886	SB 971	SB 972	SB 1055	SB 1370	SB 2021	SB 2178	AB 2371	SB 2380	SB 2437	SB 2455	SB 2482	SB 2484	SB 2485	SB 2712	AB 3971	AB 4131	AB 4132	AB 4175	AB 4276	AB 4320	AB 4389	AB 4475	AB 4482	AB 4721	AB 4722				
Addiego, Dawn	D	8	19%	13%	63%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	
BATEMAN, CHRISTOPHER	R	16	62%	40%	59%	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Beach, James	D	6	6%	8%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BROWN, CHRIS	R	2	50%	39%	49%	-	+	+	X	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+		
BUCCO JR., ANTHONY	R	25	78%	n/a	91%	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
CARDINALE, GERALD	R	39	76%	71%	84%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	
Codey, Richard	D	27	6%	7%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
CONNORS, CHRISTOPHER	R	9	83%	65%	77%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
CORRADO, KRISTIN	R	40	70%	68%	68%	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cruz-Perez, Nilsa	D	5	6%	6%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cryan, Joseph	D	20	6%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cunningham, Sandra	D	31	6%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Diegnan, Patrick	D	18	6%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DOHERTY, MICHAEL	R	23	100%	89%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote

- AB 4 Expanding Cronyism Through a Massive Corporate Welfare Package.
- AB 10 Soaking the Rich by Expanding the "Millionaires" Tax and Redistributing the Wealth via Rebates.
- SB 221 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Allowing Localities to Issue New Debt for Tree Planting.
- SB 232 Infringing Property Rights by Denying Permits to Advance "Environmental Justice" in Certain Communities.
- SB 349 Mandating Builders Offer Vehicle Charging Stations and Advertise Government Rebates.
- AB 543 Reforming Psychologist Licensure to Recognize Previous Training Experience.
- SB 703 Increasing Health Care Costs by Requiring Hospitals to Provide "Implicit Bias" Training.
- AB 838 Expanding Welfare Under the Earned Income Tax Credit to More Childless Adults.
- SB 864 Restricting Consumer Choice Through Bans on Plastic and Paper Bags, Plastic Straws, and Styrofoam Food Service Products.
- SB 886 Empowering Union Bosses to Hold-Up Sales of Health Facilities.
- SB 971 Allowing College Athletes to Profit from their Own Name.
- SB 972 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Prevailing Wage Mandates on Private Businesses.
- SB 1055 Obliterating Property Rights by Preventing Property Owners from Converting their "Affordable Rental" Units into Condominiums.
- SB 1370 Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Mandating Project Labor Agreements on a Greater Range of Public Works Projects.
- SB 2021 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Budget that Plunges the State \$4.5 Billion in Additional Debt.
- SB 2178 Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Removing a Cap on Welfare.
- AB 2371 Driving up Food Production Costs Through Stringent Waste Recycling Mandates.
- SB 2380 Raising Employer Costs by Abusing Worker's Compensation.
- SB 2437 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.
- SB 2455 Providing Occupational Licenses to Illegal Immigrants.
- SB 2482 Placing a Check on the Governor's Emergency Power (Motion to Defeat).
- SB 2484 Expanding Cronyism Through the Establishment of the "Office of Clean Energy Equity."
- SB 2485 Advancing the Left's Mission to "Cancel Rent" by Extending the Eviction Moratorium.
- SB 2712 Enriching Greedy Union Bosses by Requiring Arbitrary Staff Quotas at Nursing Homes.
- AB 3971 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing Localities to Issue New Debt.
- AB 4131 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Staffing Mandates on the Hotel Industry.
- AB 4132 Hindering the Reopening of the Economy Following COVID-19 Through a Partial Furlough.
- AB 4175 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing the State to Issue New Debt.
- AB 4276 Weakening Election Integrity Through "The Ballot Cure Act".
- AB 4320 Weakening Election Integrity by Authorizing Ballots to be Counted 6 Days After an Election.
- AB 4389 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums Through Massive Tax Hikes on Insurance Plans.
- AB 4475 Weakening Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.
- AB 4482 Imposing a Higher Minimum Wage on Nursing Homes.
- AB 4721 Harming Business Growth by Extending the Corporate Business Tax Surcharge Through 2023.
- AB 4722 Hiking Taxes on Health Maintenance Organizations to Fund a Medicaid Gimmick.



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Gill, Nia	D	34	n/a†	8%	1%	x	-	-	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	+	x	x	-	-	-	x	-	-	x	x	-	x	-	x	-	-	+	x	x	-	x	x	-	-				
Gopal, Vin	D	11	11%	8%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	x	x	x	-	-	x	-	-	+	x			
Greenstein, Linda	D	14	6%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
HOLZAPFEL, JAMES	R	10	n/a†	59%	79%	-	x	+	+	-	x	-	x	x	+	-	+	+	+	x	x	+	+	+	+	x	x	+	x	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	x	x			
KEAN, THOMAS	R	21	79%	56%	73%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		
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O'SCANLON, DECLAN	R	13	73%	59%	81%	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	x	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
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SINGER, ROBERT	R	30	69%	58%	64%	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote



NEW JERSEY SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. AB 4 Expanding Cronyism Through a Massive Corporate Welfare Package.** This bill enacts the so-called “New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020” which provides over \$14 billion in grants and tax subsidies to government-favored industries and companies. For example, the bill provides subsidies to retailers of “healthy foods”, tax credits to owners of “historic” properties, and further expands handouts provided to the film and wind industries. ACU supports a tax system that is broadly applied and with as low of rates possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to those disfavored by government, believes the state should have instead utilized the \$14 billion to reduce the general or business tax rate, thus empowering the free-market to create many more jobs and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 21, 2020 by a vote of 38-1 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. AB 10 Soaking the Rich by Expanding the “Millionaires” Tax and Redistributing the Wealth via Rebates.** This bill further soaks the rich in taxation by imposing the state’s top income tax rate of 10.75% onto all earnings over \$1 million. Under existing law, earnings between \$1 million and \$5 million were taxed at a rate of 8.97%. Part of the new revenue will then be redistributed to those making under \$75,000 via a \$500 rebate check. ACU recognizes the state already punishes the “rich” with one of the highest income tax rates in the country, opposes this direct wealth redistribution which harms economic growth and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-14 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 221 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Allowing Localities to Issue New Debt for Tree Planting.** This bill advances the very worst of local government fiscal policy by authorizing localities to issue 15-year bonds (debt) for tree planting. Specifically, the bill applies to the purchase, planting, or removal of trees and shrubbery following a natural disaster. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes prior to taking on new debt the state should cut spending and streamline operations, believes the very last thing the state should expend funds on is beautification and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 25-12. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
- 4. SB 232 Infringing Property Rights by Denying Permits to Advance “Environmental Justice” in Certain Communities.** This bill infringes property rights and reduces economic growth by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits in “overburdened communities”. The bill defines overburdened communities as those where at least 35% of the households qualify as low-income or at least 40% of residents identify as minority. As a result, manufacturers and other job creators would be prevented from obtaining permits for facilities such as power plants, incinerators, solid waste, or for anything defined as a major source of air pollution under the federal Clean Air Act. ACU recognizes state and federal laws already place stringent requirements on air pollution and this bill infringes the property rights of landowners and corporations in these regions. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and further impoverishes communities that need investment and jobs the most and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 21-14 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. SB 349 Mandating Builders Offer Vehicle Charging Stations and Advertise Government Rebates.** This bill would impose additional government interference in the housing market by establishing new mandates concerning electric vehicle charging stations. Specifically, the bill would force residential homebuilders to provide every prospective buyer with a notice offering the installation of an electric charging station and mandate the builder advertise any subsidies or rebates. The bill applies to any townhome or house that has a garage, carport, or driveway. ACU opposes government interference in the private market and believes a free market is the best mechanism to determine the need for vehicle charging infrastructure, opposes forcing builders to market crony government subsidy programs, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2020 by a vote of 36-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. AB 543 Reforming Psychologist Licensure to Recognize Previous Training Experience.** This bill amends the requirements for licensure as a psychologist to recognize professional experience in the field prior to receiving a doctoral degree. Previously, applicants were required to have two years of experience under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, with at least one of those years coming after receiving one’s degree. However, this bill permits applicants to accrue both years of required training prior to receiving their doctoral degree. ACU supported this common-sense reform that recognizes the full scope of training and experience applicants possess, rather than imposing an arbitrary timeline that excluded relevant experience and makes attaining licensure and employment more difficult and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on October 29, 2020 by a vote of 35-0 and the bill was signed into law.



7. **SB 703 Increasing Health Care Costs by Requiring Hospitals to Provide “Implicit Bias” Training.** This bill increases health care costs by requiring hospitals to provide “implicit bias” training to medical professionals who serve pregnant women. As a result, medical professionals would be taken away from caring for their patients in order to enrich consultants attempting to advance a radical leftist narrative that all individuals are inherently racist. ACU supports equal rights under the law for all, believes all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. ACU opposes this measure designed to enrich radical leftists consultants at the expense of mothers and patients and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 29-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly in 2020.)

8. **AB 838 Expanding Welfare Under the Earned Income Tax Credit to More Childless Adults.** This bill makes even more individuals eligible for welfare payments provided under the New Jersey earned income tax credit (NJEITC). Specifically, the bill reduces the age requirement for childless adults eligible for the program from 25 to 21 years of age. ACU recognizes the benefits provided under the NJEITC are on top of the federal EITC (which has a minimum age of 25), and this measure will subject individuals to government dependency just as they are preparing to launch their careers. ACU supports policies that help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by helping them become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 37-2 and the bill was signed into law.

9. **SB 864 Restricting Consumer Choice Through Bans on Plastic and Paper Bags, Plastic Straws, and Styrofoam Food Service Products.** This bill infringes consumer choice and drives up costs in the food service industry by banning several common consumer plastic, paper, and Styrofoam products. Under the bill, beginning in May 2020, all stores and food service businesses from providing or selling single-use plastic and paper carryout bags. Additionally, the bill prohibits food-service businesses from handing out plastic straws, unless specifically requested by a customer (effective November 2021). Furthermore, the bill bans the use of single-use plastic or polystyrene foam food containers, utensils, and cups. Businesses that fail to comply with the bill are fined up to \$5,000 for each violation. The bill also allocates \$500,000 per year for three years to fund a public education campaign to distribute reusable bags and creates a Plastics Advisory Council within the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection. ACU opposes this government overreach which will drive up costs for businesses and consumers, believes government should enforce anti-littering ordinances instead of burdening law-abiding consumers with draconian mandates, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-13 and the bill was signed into law.

10. **SB 886 Empowering Union Bosses to Hold-Up Sales of Health Facilities.** This bill holds the health care industry hostage to union bosses by preventing the sale of a health care entity unless the union collective bargaining agreement remains in effect until the expiration date of the agreement. ACU opposes empowering union bosses to hinder the free market and prevent health care entities from buying and selling their facilities and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 10, 2020 by a vote of 29-9. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)

11. **SB 971 Allowing College Athletes to Profit from their Own Name.** The NCAA exploits athletes, engages in anticompetitive practices and prevents athletes from engaging in other commercial activities available to every other person in America. That is why ACU considers the NCAA to be a criminal enterprise and why this legislation is a good first step toward protecting the rights of college athletes. Specifically, the bill would permit student athletes within the NCAA and other athletic associations to receive compensation if their name, image, or likeness (i.e., NIL rights) are used in commercials, videogames, apparel, and other uses as long as the deals do not conflict with team contracts. ACU recognizes that the NCAA has effectively become a quasi-government agency whose members are the highest paid government employees in the country who use their governmental power to harm private citizens. ACU supports the ability of athletes to receive compensation for their name, image and likeness and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 30-9 and the bill was signed into law, though it will not take effect until the fifth academic year after being enacted.

12. **SB 972 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Prevailing Wage Mandates on Private Businesses.** This union-backed bill drastically increases private business costs by mandating businesses involved with hazardous chemicals hire a set minimum percentage of unionized employees and pay all workers above-market prevailing wage rates at their facilities by 2024. The prevailing wage originated under the Davis-Bacon Act, a Depression-era policy which forces companies contracting with the government for public works projects to pay their workers above market wages. ACU supports the “right to work” without joining a labor union, opposes this anti-competitive scheme to enrich powerful union bosses through prevailing wage mandates and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2020 by a vote of 25-6 and the bill was signed into law.



13. **SB 1055 Obliterating Property Rights by Preventing Property Owners from Converting their “Affordable Rental” Units into Condominiums.** This bill decimates property rights by allowing certain municipal governments to prevent property owners from using their property as something other than as an “affordable rental.” Specifically, this bill allows any municipality with a population density in excess of 25,000 per square mile to adopt an ordinance to prohibit the conversion of any properties currently under rent control and classified as an “affordable rental housing unit” from being converted into an ownership-based property like a condominium complex. ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both landlords and tenants from government overreach. ACU recognizes rent controls, like all other price controls, will only reduce the supply of quality housing and further exacerbate the state’s government-created housing crisis. ACU opposes this measure which decimates property rights, believes the state should reverse its draconian building regulations and further reform zoning and land use ordinances to encourage development and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 26-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **SB 1370 Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Mandating Project Labor Agreements on a Greater Range of Public Works Projects.** This bill drives up taxpayer costs by directing all state and local governmental agencies in the state to discriminate against non-unionized workforces when evaluating applicants to public works projects. Under existing law, project labor agreements (which require government agencies to contract exclusively with union-run contractors) are mandated for building-based public works projects. This bill now mandates project labor agreements for highways, bridges, pumping stations, and water and sewage treatment plants if the project cost is more than \$5 million. ACU recognizes that these discriminatory practices not only exclude roughly 9 in 10 U.S. construction workers from public works projects, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, but also drive-up taxpayer costs, sometimes as much as 20%, according to the Beacon Hill Institute. ACU opposes this anti-competitive scheme to enrich powerful union bosses, instead supports a free and open competitive bidding process for public works projects that provides the greatest value to taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 31-6 but the bill received a conditional veto from the Governor.
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15. **SB 2021 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Budget that Plunges the State \$4.5 Billion in Additional Debt.** This fiscally irresponsible budget bill spends \$32.7 billion over nine months and places state solvency at risk by taking on \$4.5 billion in new debt through bonds. Furthermore, the bill exemplifies insider corruption in the budgetary process with ridiculous pork projects including funding for youth golf programs in Essex County and shade tree management in Metuchen. ACU opposes runaway government spending and paving the way for even greater tax burdens and hikes, opposes indebting New Jerseyans at a time of declining tax revenue projections due to COVID-19 and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SB 2178 Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Removing a Cap on Welfare.** This bill removes a provision in the state’s welfare programs which encourages individuals to become self-sufficient before deciding to have more children. Under the bill, welfare benefits are no longer based on the number of children a recipient has at time of application. Instead, beneficiaries may receive even greater welfare benefits if they conceive more children. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient, opposes this measure which may proliferate intergenerational poverty by discouraging individuals from becoming self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 25-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **AB 2371 Driving up Food Production Costs Through Stringent Waste Recycling Mandates.** This bill would raise food production costs in New Jersey by imposing a stringent solid waste recycling mandate on food producers. Under the bill, any farm or restaurant which produces at least 52 tons of food waste annually would be required to separate food waste from all other discarded material and transport the food waste to specialized facilities if they are within 25 miles of such a facility. Additionally, the bill would designate food waste recycling facilities as “Class I renewable energy” and establish a Food Waste Recycling Market Development Council. ACU recognizes that recycling programs are notoriously inefficient, opposes this excessive mandate on the private sector which drives up business costs which are ultimately passed onto consumers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 22-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SB 2380 Raising Employer Costs by Abusing Worker's Compensation.** This bill creates a "rebuttable presumption" that an employer is liable for an employee's contraction of Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, a rebuttable presumption would be created that an employee's positive COVID-19 test is a personal injury arising out of the course of employment. As a result, an employer would be required to compensate such employees with workers compensation benefits. ACU recognizes that this bill is a familiar Democrat ploy in which politicians impose labor union demands during a time of crisis that would never have been acceptable in ordinary times. ACU opposes placing any liability for unintentional contraction of COVID-19 (and the associated costs) on employers absent willful and wanton negligence, supports COVID-19 business liability protections and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 27-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 2437 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** This bill interferes in the private operations of food delivery platforms (such as Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats) and restaurants which offer delivery. Under the bill, price controls are established on delivery platforms during (and three months following) the 25 percent in-dining capacity limit set forth by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill prevents a delivery platform from charging a service fee that is greater than 20 percent of the cost of the individual order, or a fee greater than 10 percent if the order is delivered by an employee of the restaurant. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 39-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **SB 2455 Providing Occupational Licenses to Illegal Immigrants.** This bill is designed to circumvent federal immigration law and the visa process by mandating illegal immigrants be provided occupational and professional licenses. Specifically, the bill prevents an agency from denying the issuance of a license based on citizenship or immigration status. While ACU opposes the majority of state occupational licensing mandates, we oppose this measure which permits individuals to circumvent the visa process and federal immigration law. ACU supports assisting the federal government in enforcing our nation's immigration laws and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2020 by a vote of 26-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **SB 2482 Placing a Check on the Governor's Emergency Power (Motion to Defeat).** This bill places a critical check on executive power by limiting the Governor's ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution. ACU support strengthening government integrity through this check on executive branch power and supported this bill. The Senate voted to table (kill) the bill on October 29, 2020 by a vote of 20-14. (A "No" vote supports the ACU position).
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22. **SB 2484 Expanding Cronyism Through the Establishment of the "Office of Clean Energy Equity."** This bill expands cronyism by establishing the "Office of Clean Energy Equity" and forcing taxpayers to provide the new entity at least \$50 million in funding. The office is directed to interfere in the marketplace by establishing community solar programs and deploying energy storage systems. Furthermore, the bill mandates the Department of Labor and Workforce Development provide grants to "community-based, diversity-focused nonprofit organizations" for green energy initiatives. ACU supports all sources of energy and believes government should not favor one source over another. ACU opposes this cronyism which interferes in the marketplace by enriching government favored companies and organizations and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on November 16, 2020 by a vote of 28-10. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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23. **SB 2485 Advancing the Left's Mission to "Cancel Rent" by Extending the Eviction Moratorium.** This bill attacks property rights by preventing landlords from evicting a tenant based on nonpayment of rent during the state of emergency declared by the governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill contains no provision which requires the tenant to show inability to pay due to COVID-19. An eviction is only permitted if the residential tenant lives in an owner-occupied residential property. ACU recognizes that landlords oftentimes have mortgages and other expenses themselves, and firmly opposes the Left's "cancel rent" movement which drives up housing costs for everyone and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 29, 2020 by a vote of 23-15. (The bill failed to advance in the Assembly.)
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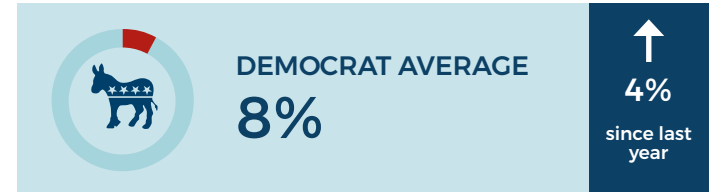
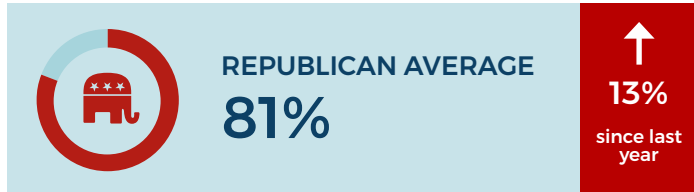
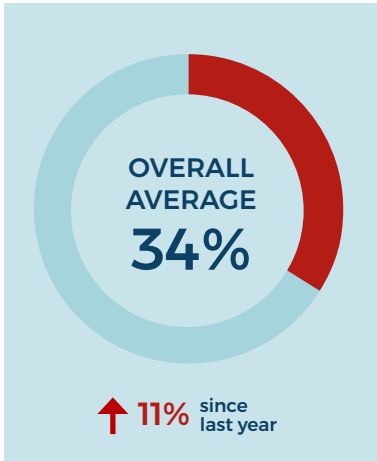
- 24. SB 2712 Enriching Greedy Union Bosses by Requiring Arbitrary Staff Quotas at Nursing Homes.** This bill is designed to enrich the greedy union bosses of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) by setting arbitrary staffing quotas at nursing homes with an estimated compliance cost of more than \$30 million a year. Specifically, the bill mandates one certified nurse aide per 8 patients during the day shift, and one aide per 10 patients during the night shift. Additionally, the bill requires one direct care staffer for every 14 residents during evening and overnight shifts. ACU supports efforts to improve quality of care by permitting assisted living facilities to develop staffing plans according to the needs of patients and residents rather than one-size fits all government-mandated staffing levels that are designed to enrich the greedy union bosses of the SEIU and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 26-12 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 25. AB 3971 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing Localities to Issue New Debt.** This fiscally reckless bill authorizes municipalities and counties to issue bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes localities to borrow as much as 30% of the previous year's budget with a repayment period of up to 10 years. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes localities should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 26-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 26. AB 4131 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Staffing Mandates on the Hotel Industry.** This bill is designed to boost the membership of the Hotel Trades Council of the AFL-CIO by imposing draconian staffing mandates on the hotel industry under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill mandates that all hotel rooms provide daily room cleaning, provide various trainings, and hire multiple front-desk workers. ACU finds it absurd for lawmakers to enrich the greedy union bosses of the HTC at the expense of customers and the hotel industry which is struggling to survive the pandemic and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 26-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 27. AB 4132 Hindering the Reopening of the Economy Following COVID-19 Through a Partial Furlough.** This bill enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, numerous individuals earning under \$89,000 a year earn more through the bill's provisions than they would through their full-time work. ACU believes many of the government's responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses, opposes this measure which hinders the reopening of the economy and opposed this bill. The bill with the governors' changes passed the Senate on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 23-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 28. AB 4175 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing the State to Issue New Debt.** This fiscally reckless bill authorizes the state to issue \$9.9 billion in new bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$2.7 billion to be issued in FY 2020 and \$7.2 billion in FY 2021. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes the state should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 16, 2020 by a vote of 22-15 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 29. AB 4276 Weakening Election Integrity Through "The Ballot Cure Act".** This bill, known as "The Ballot Cure Act," makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity. For example, the bill lowers standards for verifying signature matching, and weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with, among other provisions. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 31-7 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **AB 4320 Weakening Election Integrity by Authorizing Ballots to be Counted 6 Days After an Election.** This bill contains numerous provisions that weaken election integrity. Firstly, the bill allows ballots postmarked on the day of the election to be counted up to 6 days after the election, and bills that contain no postmark, up to 2 days after the election. Secondly, the bill increases the number of ballots to 5 that a single voter may return to a poll. Additionally, the bill weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with. Finally, the bill mandates that posters be distributed by the secretary of state promoting mail-in voting. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 24-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **AB 4389 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums Through Massive Tax Hikes on Insurance Plans.** This bill places a 2.75% tax on most health insurance plans offered in the state, which is estimated to drive up the cost of a typical family health insurance plan by \$600 every year. The roughly \$400 million the bill is expected to generate is directed to a new "Health Insurance Affordability fund" which will accelerate the socialization of health care in New Jersey. ACU opposes the socialization of healthcare which leads to skyrocketing insurance premiums and ultimately prevents individuals from obtaining quality, truly affordable care, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 21-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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32. **AB 4475 Weakening Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill weakens election integrity by declaring the November 2020 election be conducted primarily by mail and mandating ballots be mailed to every registered voter even if they do not request one. Furthermore, the bill mandates the deployment of unsecured ballot drop boxes which may be accessible 24 hours a day for 45 days up to election day. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 22-13 and the bill was signed into law.
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33. **AB 4482 Imposing a Higher Minimum Wage on Nursing Homes.** This bill will further drive-up nursing home costs by imposing a minimum wage on long term care facilities that is \$3 higher than the prevailing minimum wage (which is set to rise to \$15 in 2024). Additionally, the bill imposes other mandates concerning nursing home expenditures. ACU opposes this wage mandate which will reduce job opportunities while further driving up the cost of long-term care and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 36-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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34. **AB 4721 Harming Business Growth by Extending the Corporate Business Tax Surcharge Through 2023.** This bill harms business growth by extending the 2.5% surtax currently imposed on corporation business tax (CBT) filers through December 31, 2023. The surtax was scheduled to decrease to 1.5% for 2020 and 2021 and expire in 2022. Due to the bill, the state's 11.5% CBT rate will become the highest in the nation. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and is particularly detrimental to businesses trying to recover from the government shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 21-17 and the bill was signed into law.
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35. **AB 4722 Hiking Taxes on Health Maintenance Organizations to Fund a Medicaid Gimmick.** This bill hikes the tax placed on health maintenance organizations from 3% to 5% as part of a scheme to extract even more federal funds through Medicaid. The bill is expected to increase federal funding through Medicaid by \$137 million each year and the funds are to be used to increase charity care payments to hospitals. ACU opposes this gimmick which burdens state and federal taxpayers through increased Medicaid spending and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 22-14 and the bill was signed into law.
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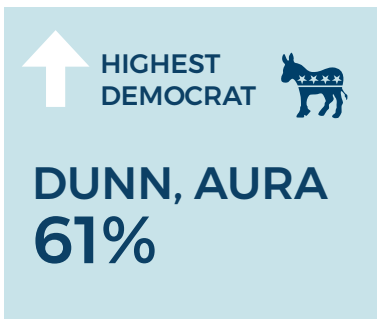
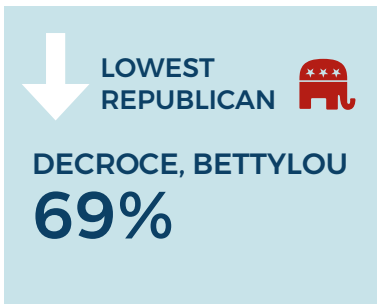
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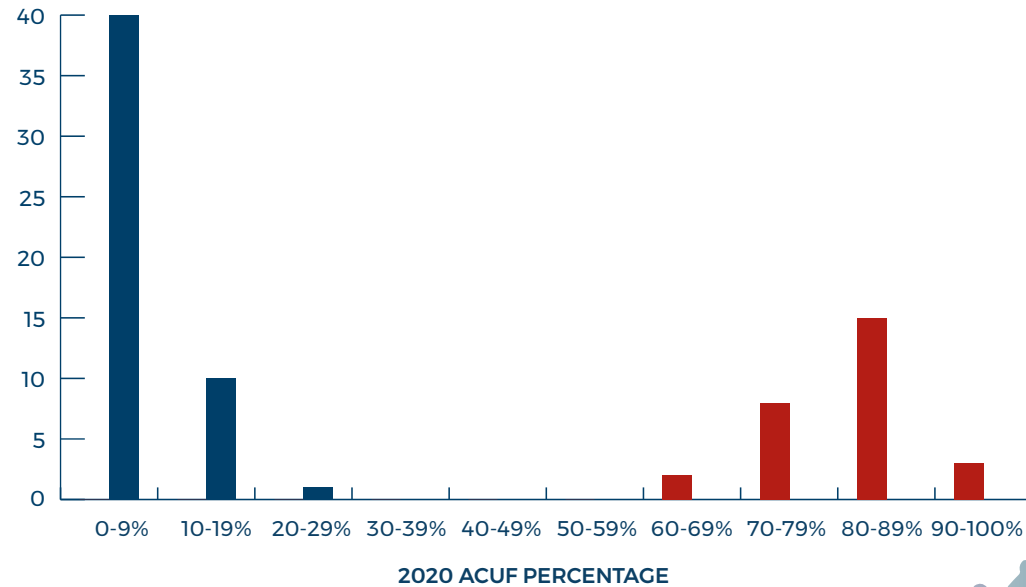
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NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY SCORES

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY VOTE DETAIL

	Party	Dist.	2020 %	2019 %	LIFETIME AVG	AB 4	AB 10	SB 232	SB 349	AB 543	AB 838	SB 864	SB 971	SB 972	SB 1055	SB 1370	SB 2021	SB 2178	AB 2371	SB 2380	SB 2437	SB 2455	SB 2712	AB 3971	AB 4131	AB 4132	(Motion to Defeat)	AB 4147	AB 4175	AB 4276	AB 4320	AB 4389	AB 4475	AB 4482	AB 4545	AB 4721	AB 4722		
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BERGEN, BRIAN	R	25	81%	n/a	81%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
BRAMNICK, JON	R	21	83%	60%	86%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	
Burzichelli, John	D	3	6%	3%	5%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calabrese, Clinton	D	36	7%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
Caputo, Ralph	D	28	14%	3%	3%	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-
Carter, Linda	D	22	7%	2%	5%	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CATALANO, JOHN	R	10	92%	n/a	92%	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chaparro, Annette	D	33	4%	2%	3%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chiaravalloti, Nicholas	D	31	6%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLIFTON, ROBERT	R	12	80%	45%	73%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Conaway, Herb	D	7	6%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coughlin, Craig	D	19	6%	3%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DANCER, RONALD	R	12	76%	50%	69%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Danielsen, Joe	D	17	7%	7%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DeAngelo, Wayne	D	14	4%	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECROCE, BETTYLOU	R	26	69%	49%	78%	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	
DEPHILLIPS, CHRISTOPHER	R	40	75%	52%	63%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	
DIMAIO, JOHN	R	23	86%	85%	91%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+
DIMASO, SERENA	R	13	84%	64%	72%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Downey, Joann	D	11	13%	9%	14%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
DUNN, AURA	R	25	61%	n/a	61%	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	-	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+
Egan, Joseph	D	17	7%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Freiman, Roy	D	16	17%	8%	12%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+
Giblin, Thomas	D	34	7%	3%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOVE, DIANNE	R	9	83%	73%	86%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
Greenwald, Louis	D	6	7%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-
Holley, Jamel	D	20	22%	5%	6%	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	+	X	X	-	-	-	-
Houghtaling, Eric	D	11	13%	12%	15%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
Huttler, Valerie	D	37	7%	n/a	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
Jasey, Mila	D	27	6%	7%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jimenez, Angelica	D	32	10%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson, Gordon	D	37	6%	3%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karabinchak, Robert	D	18	7%	3%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
KEAN, SEAN	R	30	79%	62%	80%	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
Kennedy, James	D	22	7%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampitt, Pamela	D	6	7%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Lopez, Yvonne	D	19	7%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
Mazzeo, Vincent	D	2	10%	7%	11%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
MCCLELLAN, ANTWAN	R	1	73%	n/a	73%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+
MCGUCKIN, GREGORY	R	10	90%	74%	91%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McKeon, John	D	27	6%	7%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Mejia, Pedro	D	32	7%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Moen, William	D	5	6%	n/a	6%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Moriarty, Paul	D	4	n/a†	5%	2%	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	
Mosquera, Gabriela	D	4	8%	n/a	2%	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-		
Mukherji, Raj	D	33	6%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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Murphy, Carol	D	7	6%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
PETERS, RYAN	R	8	78%	60%	70%	+	X	+	-	+	X	X	-	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	
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Pinkin, Nancy	D	18	6%	5%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Pintor Marin, Eliana	D	29	7%	2%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Quijano, Annette	D	20	7%	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-		
Reynolds-Jackson, Verlina	D	15	6%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
ROONEY, KEVIN	R	40	75%	62%	67%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
RUMPF, BRIAN	R	9	80%	73%	87%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
Schaer, Gary	D	36	4%	3%	3%	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-		
SCHARFENBERGER, GERARD	R	13	83%	n/a	83%	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	

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SIMONSEN, ERIK	R	1	77%	n/a	77%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
SPACE, PARKER	R	24	83%	81%	91%	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	
Spearman, William	D	5	6%	2%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Speight, Shanique	D	29	7%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
STANFIELD, JEAN	R	8	81%	n/a	81%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
Sumter, Shavonda	D	35	7%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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Timberlake, Britnee	D	34	7%	5%	4%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
Tucker, Cleopatra	D	28	7%	5%	2%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tully, P. Christopher	D	38	10%	5%	7%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	
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WEBBER, JAY	R	26	93%	86%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
 - = Member voted against ACU's position R = Republican D = Democrat I = Independent
 x = Member was absent for vote

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NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. AB 4 Expanding Cronyism Through a Massive Corporate Welfare Package.** This bill enacts the so-called “New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020” which provides over \$14 billion in grants and tax subsidies to government-favored industries and companies. For example, the bill provides subsidies to retailers of “healthy foods”, tax credits to owners of “historic” properties, and further expands handouts provided to the film and wind industries. ACU supports a tax system that is broadly applied and with as low of rates possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to those disfavored by government, believes the state should have instead utilized the \$14 billion to reduce the general or business tax rate, thus empowering the free-market to create many more jobs and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on December 21, 2020 by a vote of 68-11 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. AB 10 Soaking the Rich by Expanding the “Millionaires” Tax and Redistributing the Wealth via Rebates.** This bill further soaks the rich in taxation by imposing the state’s top income tax rate of 10.75% onto all earnings over \$1 million. Under existing law, earnings between \$1 million and \$5 million were taxed at a rate of 8.97%. Part of the new revenue will then be redistributed to those making under \$75,000 via a \$500 rebate check. ACU recognizes the state already punishes the “rich” with one of the highest income tax rates in the country, opposes this direct wealth redistribution which harms economic growth and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 52-27 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 232 Infringing Property Rights by Denying Permits to Advance “Environmental Justice” in Certain Communities.** This bill infringes property rights and reduces economic growth by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits in “overburdened communities”. The bill defines overburdened communities as those where at least 35% of the households qualify as low-income or at least 40% of residents identify as minority. As a result, manufacturers and other job creators would be prevented from obtaining permits for facilities such as power plants, incinerators, solid waste, or for anything defined as a major source of air pollution under the federal Clean Air Act. ACU recognizes state and federal laws already place stringent requirements on air pollution and this bill infringes the property rights of landowners and corporations in these regions. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and further impoverishes communities that need investment and jobs the most and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 49-28 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. SB 349 Mandating Builders Offer Vehicle Charging Stations and Advertise Government Rebates.** This bill would impose additional government interference in the housing market by establishing new mandates concerning electric vehicle charging stations. Specifically, the bill would force residential homebuilders to provide every prospective buyer with a notice offering the installation of an electric charging station and mandate the builder advertise any subsidies or rebates. The bill applies to any townhome or house that has a garage, carport, or driveway. ACU opposes government interference in the private market and believes a free market is the best mechanism to determine the need for vehicle charging infrastructure, opposes forcing builders to market crony government subsidy programs, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 73-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. AB 543 Reforming Psychologist Licensure to Recognize Previous Training Experience.** This bill amends the requirements for licensure as a psychologist to recognize professional experience in the field prior to receiving a doctoral degree. Previously, applicants were required to have two years of experience under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, with at least one of those years coming after receiving one’s degree. However, this bill permits applicants to accrue both years of required training prior to receiving their doctoral degree. ACU supported this common-sense reform that recognizes the full scope of training and experience applicants possess, rather than imposing an arbitrary timeline that excluded relevant experience and makes attaining licensure and employment more difficult and supported this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 24, 2020 by a vote of 79-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. AB 838 Expanding Welfare Under the Earned Income Tax Credit to More Childless Adults.** This bill makes even more individuals eligible for welfare payments provided under the New Jersey earned income tax credit (NJEITC). Specifically, the bill reduces the age requirement for childless adults eligible for the program from 25 to 21 years of age. ACU recognizes the benefits provided under the NJEITC are on top of the federal EITC (which has a minimum age of 25), and this measure will subject individuals to government dependency just as they are preparing to launch their careers. ACU supports policies that help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by helping them become self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 79-0 and the bill was signed into law.



7. **SB 864 Restricting Consumer Choice Through Bans on Plastic and Paper Bags, Plastic Straws, and Styrofoam Food Service Products.** This bill infringes consumer choice and drives up costs in the food service industry by banning several common consumer plastic, paper, and Styrofoam products. Under the bill, beginning in May 2020, all stores and food service businesses from providing or selling single-use plastic and paper carryout bags. Additionally, the bill prohibits food-service businesses from handing out plastic straws, unless specifically requested by a customer (effective November 2021). Furthermore, the bill bans the use of single-use plastic or polystyrene foam food containers, utensils, and cups. Businesses that fail to comply with the bill are fined up to \$5,000 for each violation. The bill also allocates \$500,000 per year for three years to fund a public education campaign to distribute reusable bags and creates a Plastics Advisory Council within the New Jersey Department of Environment Protection. ACU opposes this government overreach which will drive up costs for businesses and consumers, believes government should enforce anti-littering ordinances instead of burdening law-abiding consumers with draconian mandates, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 47-24 and the bill was signed into law.
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8. **SB 971 Allowing College Athletes to Profit from their Own Name.** The NCAA exploits athletes, engages in anticompetitive practices and prevents athletes from engaging in other commercial activities available to every other person in America. That is why ACU considers the NCAA to be a criminal enterprise and why this legislation is a good first step toward protecting the rights of college athletes. Specifically, the bill would permit student athletes within the NCAA and other athletic associations to receive compensation if their name, image, or likeness (i.e., NIL rights) are used in commercials, videogames, apparel, and other uses as long as the deals do not conflict with team contracts. ACU recognizes that the NCAA has effectively become a quasi-government agency whose members are the highest paid government employees in the country who use their governmental power to harm private citizens. ACU supports the ability of athletes to receive compensation for their name, image, and likeness and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Assembly passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 56-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **SB 972 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Prevailing Wage Mandates on Private Businesses.** This union-backed bill drastically increases private business costs by mandating businesses involved with hazardous chemicals hire a set minimum percentage of unionized employees and pay all workers above-market prevailing wage rates at their facilities by 2024. The prevailing wage originated under the Davis-Bacon Act, a Depression-era policy which forces companies contracting with the government for public works projects to pay their workers above market wages. ACU supports the “right to work” without joining a labor union, opposes this anti-competitive scheme to enrich powerful union bosses through prevailing wage mandates and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 29, 2020 by a vote of 49-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **SB 1055 Obliterating Property Rights by Preventing Property Owners from Converting their “Affordable Rental” Units into Condominiums.** This bill decimates property rights by allowing certain municipal governments to prevent property owners from using their property as something other than as an “affordable rental.” Specifically, this bill allows any municipality with a population density in excess of 25,000 per square mile to adopt an ordinance to prohibit the conversion of any properties currently under rent control and classified as an “affordable rental housing unit” from being converted into an ownership-based property like a condominium complex. ACU’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both landlords and tenants from government overreach. ACU recognizes rent controls, like all other price controls, will only reduce the supply of quality housing and further exacerbate the state’s government-created housing crisis. ACU opposes this measure which decimates property rights, believes the state should reverse its draconian building regulations and further reform zoning and land use ordinances to encourage development and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 50-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **SB 1370 Increasing Taxpayer Costs by Mandating Project Labor Agreements on a Greater Range of Public Works Projects.** This bill drives up taxpayer costs by directing all state and local governmental agencies in the state to discriminate against non-unionized workforces when evaluating applicants to public works projects. Under existing law, project labor agreements (which require government agencies to contract exclusively with union-run contractors) are mandated for building-based public works projects. This bill now mandates project labor agreements for highways, bridges, pumping stations, and water and sewage treatment plants if the project cost is more than \$5 million. ACU recognizes that these discriminatory practices not only exclude roughly 9 in 10 U.S. construction workers from public works projects, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, but also drive-up taxpayer costs, sometimes as much as 20%, according to the Beacon Hill Institute. ACU opposes this anti-competitive scheme to enrich powerful union bosses, instead supports a free and open competitive bidding process for public works projects that provides the greatest value to taxpayers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 63-6 but the bill received a conditional veto from the Governor.
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12. **SB 2021 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a Budget that Plunges the State \$4.5 Billion in Additional Debt.** This fiscally irresponsible budget bill spends \$32.7 billion over nine months and places state solvency at risk by taking on \$4.5 billion in new debt through bonds. Furthermore, the bill exemplifies insider corruption in the budgetary process with ridiculous pork projects including funding for youth golf programs in Essex County and shade tree management in Metuchen. ACU opposes runaway government spending and paving the way for even greater tax burdens and hikes, opposes indebting New Jerseyans at a time of declining tax revenue projections due to COVID-19 and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **SB 2178 Discouraging Self-Sufficiency by Removing a Cap on Welfare.** This bill removes a provision in the state's welfare programs which encourages individuals to become self-sufficient before deciding to have more children. Under the bill, welfare benefits are no longer based on the number of children a recipient has at time of application. Instead, beneficiaries may receive even greater welfare benefits if they conceive more children. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient, opposes this measure which may proliferate intergenerational poverty by discouraging individuals from becoming self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 56-18 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **AB 2371 Driving up Food Production Costs Through Stringent Waste Recycling Mandates.** This bill would raise food production costs in New Jersey by imposing a stringent solid waste recycling mandate on food producers. Under the bill, any farm or restaurant which produces at least 52 tons of food waste annually would be required to separate food waste from all other discarded material and transport the food waste to specialized facilities if they are within 25 miles of such a facility. Additionally, the bill would designate food waste recycling facilities as "Class I renewable energy" and establish a Food Waste Recycling Market Development Council. ACU recognizes that recycling programs are notoriously inefficient, opposes this excessive mandate on the private sector which drives up business costs which are ultimately passed onto consumers and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on February 24, 2020 by a vote of 49-28 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **SB 2380 Raising Employer Costs by Abusing Worker's Compensation.** This bill creates a "rebuttable presumption" that an employer is liable for an employee's contraction of Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, a rebuttable presumption would be created that an employee's positive COVID-19 test is a personal injury arising out of the course of employment. As a result, an employer would be required to compensate such employees with workers compensation benefits. ACU recognizes that this bill is a familiar Democrat ploy in which politicians impose labor union demands during a time of crisis that would never have been acceptable in ordinary times. ACU opposes placing any liability for unintentional contraction of COVID-19 (and the associated costs) on employers absent willful and wanton negligence, supports COVID-19 business liability protections and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 42-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **SB 2437 Invoking Unnecessary Government Interference in the Private Operations of Food Delivery Platforms and Restaurants.** This bill interferes in the private operations of food delivery platforms (such as Grubhub, DoorDash and Uber Eats) and restaurants which offer delivery. Under the bill, price controls are established on delivery platforms during (and three months following) the 25 percent in-dining capacity limit set forth by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill prevents a delivery platform from charging a service fee that is greater than 20 percent of the cost of the individual order, or a fee greater than 10 percent if the order is delivered by an employee of the restaurant. ACU opposes invoking government interference in the free marketplace to provide more favorable outcomes to one party over another in their negotiations and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on June 18, 2020 by a vote of 75-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **SB 2455 Providing Occupational Licenses to Illegal Immigrants.** This bill is designed to circumvent federal immigration law and the visa process by mandating illegal immigrants be provided occupational and professional licenses. Specifically, the bill prevents an agency from denying the issuance of a license based on citizenship or immigration status. While ACU opposes the majority of state occupational licensing mandates, we oppose this measure which permits individuals to circumvent the visa process and federal immigration law. ACU supports assisting the federal government in enforcing our nation's immigration laws and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 47-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **SB 2712 Enriching Greedy Union Bosses by Requiring Arbitrary Staff Quotas at Nursing Homes.** This bill is designed to enrich the greedy union bosses of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) by setting arbitrary staffing quotas at nursing homes with an estimated compliance cost of more than \$30 million a year. Specifically, the bill mandates one certified nurse aide per 8 patients during the day shift, and one aide per 10 patients during the night shift. Additionally, the bill requires one direct care staffer for every 14 residents during evening and overnight shifts. ACU supports efforts to improve quality of care by permitting assisted living facilities to develop staffing plans according to the needs of patients and residents rather than one-size fits all government-mandated staffing levels that are designed to enrich the greedy union bosses of the SEIU and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 51-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **AB 3971 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing Localities to Issue New Debt.** This fiscally reckless bill authorizes municipalities and counties to issue bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes localities to borrow as much as 30% of the previous year's budget with a repayment period of up to 10 years. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes localities should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 54-23 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **AB 4131 Enriching Union Bosses by Imposing Staffing Mandates on the Hotel Industry.** This bill is designed to boost the membership of the Hotel Trades Council of the AFL-CIO by imposing draconian staffing mandates on the hotel industry under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill mandates that all hotel rooms provide daily room cleaning, provide various trainings, and hire multiple front-desk workers. ACU finds it absurd for lawmakers to enrich the greedy union bosses of the HTC at the expense of customers and the hotel industry which is struggling to survive the pandemic and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on May 14, 2020 by a vote of 51-26 and the bill was signed into law.
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21. **AB 4132 Hindering the Reopening of the Economy Following COVID-19 Through a Partial Furlough.** This bill enacts a partial furlough program that disincentivizes employment at a time when the country is starting to reopen following the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the bill, numerous individuals earning under \$89,000 a year earn more through the bill's provisions than they would through their full-time work. ACU believes many of the government's responses to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports the right of Americans to manage their own risks related to illnesses, opposes this measure which hinders the reopening of the economy and opposed this bill. The bill with the governors' changes encouraging furlough programs passed the Assembly on July 2, 2020 by a vote of 51-25 and the bill was signed into law.
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22. **AB 4147 (Motion to Defeat) Placing a Check on the Governor's Emergency Power.** This bill places a critical check on executive power by limiting the Governor's ability to declare an emergency to 14 days unless a longer period is approved by the legislature through concurrent resolution. ACU support strengthening government integrity through this check on executive branch power and supported this bill. The Assembly voted to table (kill) the bill on November 16, 2020 by a vote of 47-27. (A "No" vote supports the ACU position.)
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23. **AB 4175 Avoiding Fiscal Responsibility by Authorizing the State to Issue New Debt.** This fiscally reckless bill authorizes the state to issue \$9.9 billion in new bonds (debt) instead of cutting spending in order to make up for loss revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$2.7 billion to be issued in FY 2020 and \$7.2 billion in FY 2021. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, believes the state should cut spending and streamline operations as opposed to taking on further debt and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 16, 2020 by a vote of 45-25 and the bill was signed into law.
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24. **AB 4276 Weakening Election Integrity Through "The Ballot Cure Act".** This bill, known as "The Ballot Cure Act," makes a number of changes to the procedure of the certification of mail-in ballots that weaken election integrity. For example, the bill lowers standards for verifying signature matching, and weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with, among other provisions. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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25. **AB 4320 Weakening Election Integrity by Authorizing Ballots to be Counted 6 Days After an Election.** This bill contains numerous provisions that weaken election integrity. Firstly, the bill allows ballots postmarked on the day of the election to be counted up to 6 days after the election, and bills that contain no postmark, up to 2 days after the election. Secondly, the bill increases the number of ballots to 5 that a single voter may return to a poll. Additionally, the bill weakens safeguards concerning the counting of ballots that have been tampered with. Finally, the bill mandates that posters be distributed by the secretary of state promoting mail-in voting. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 51-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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26. **AB 4389 Driving Up Health Insurance Premiums Through Massive Tax Hikes on Insurance Plans.** This bill places a 2.75% tax on most health insurance plans offered in the state, which is estimated to drive up the cost of a typical family health insurance plan by \$600 every year. The roughly \$400 million the bill is expected to generate is directed to a new "Health Insurance Affordability fund" which will accelerate the socialization of health care in New Jersey. ACU opposes the socialization of healthcare which leads to skyrocketing insurance premiums and ultimately prevents individuals from obtaining quality, truly affordable care, and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on July 30, 2020 by a vote of 43-30 and the bill was signed into law.
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27. **AB 4475 Weakening Election Integrity by Implementing a Vote-By-Mail Scheme Without Safeguards to Prevent Fraud.** This bill weakens election integrity by declaring the November 2020 election be conducted primarily by mail and mandating ballots be mailed to every registered voter even if they do not request one. Furthermore, the bill mandates the deployment of unsecured ballot drop boxes which may be accessible 24 hours a day for 45 days up to election day. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee mail-in voting for individuals who are unable to vote in-person on Election Day, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters. ACU opposes measures which weaken ballot integrity and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 48-28 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **AB 4482 Imposing a Higher Minimum Wage on Nursing Homes.** This bill will further drive-up nursing home costs by imposing a minimum wage on long term care facilities that is \$3 higher than the prevailing minimum wage (which is set to rise to \$15 in 2024). Additionally, the bill imposes other mandates concerning nursing home expenditures. ACU opposes this wage mandate which will reduce job opportunities while further driving up the cost of long-term care and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on August 27, 2020 by a vote of 49-16 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. **AB 4545 Imposing Leftist Curriculum Mandates on Local School Districts.** This bill serves as yet another attempt by the radical Left to undermine local control of education and indoctrinate students with Leftist viewpoints. Specifically, the bill mandates local school districts include instruction on "racial discrimination and social justice" in the social studies classes of middle school students. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and all parents should raise their children to treat all human beings with respect and dignity. ACU opposes this attack on local school districts and the Left's attempt to politicize and indoctrinate middle school students and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on October 29, 2020 by a vote of 56-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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30. **AB 4721 Harming Business Growth by Extending the Corporate Business Tax Surcharge Through 2023.** This bill harms business growth by extending the 2.5% surtax currently imposed on corporation business tax (CBT) filers through December 31, 2023. The surtax was scheduled to decrease to 1.5% for 2020 and 2021 and expire in 2022. Due to the bill, the state's 11.5% CBT rate will become the highest in the nation. ACU opposes this measure which reduces economic growth and is particularly detrimental to businesses trying to recover from the government shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 42-35 and the bill was signed into law.
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31. **AB 4722 Hiking Taxes on Health Maintenance Organizations to Fund a Medicaid Gimmick.** This bill hikes the tax placed on health maintenance organizations from 3% to 5% as part of a scheme to extract even more federal funds through Medicaid. The bill is expected to increase federal funding through Medicaid by \$137 million each year and the funds are to be used to increase charity care payments to hospitals. ACU opposes this gimmick which burdens state and federal taxpayers through increased Medicaid spending and opposed this bill. The Assembly passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 48-28 and the bill was signed into law.