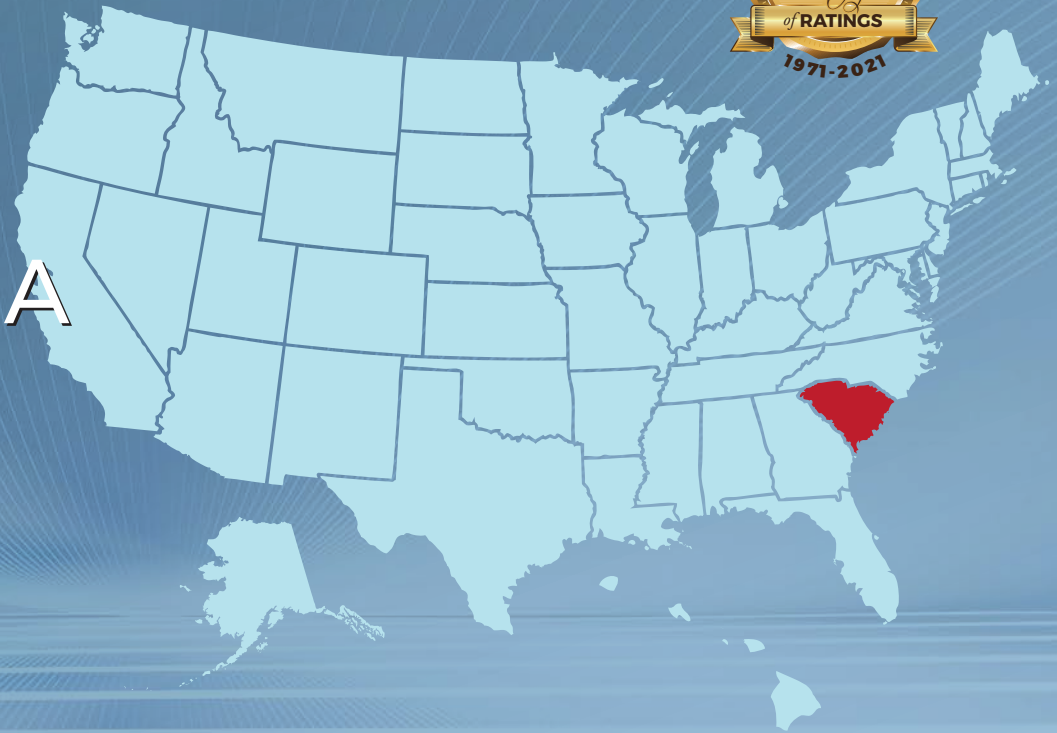




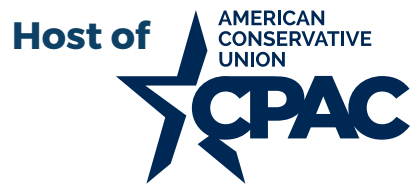
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of South Carolina* 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.



Matt Schlapp
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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

↔ No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

↑ 3 since last year*

HOUSE

HILL, JONATHON

JONES, STEWART

MAGNUSON, JOSIAH



≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

↔ No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

↔ No change since last year*

HOUSE

n/a



80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

↑ 5 since last year*

SENATE

CORBIN, THOMAS

GAMBRELL, MICHAEL

LOFTIS, DWIGHT

MARTIN, SHANE

MASSEY, A. SHANE

TALLEY, SCOTT

↑ 7 since last year*

HOUSE

CHUMLEY, WILLIAM

GILLIAM, DOUG

HADDON, PATRICK

LONG, STEVEN

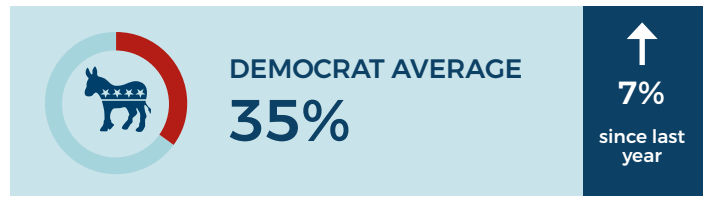
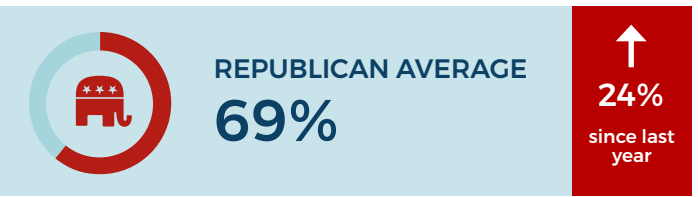
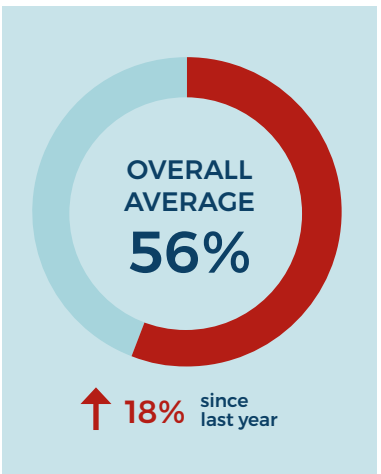
MCCRABY, JOHN

MORGAN, ADAM

OREMUS, MELISSA

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

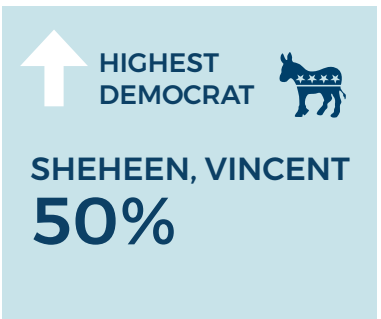
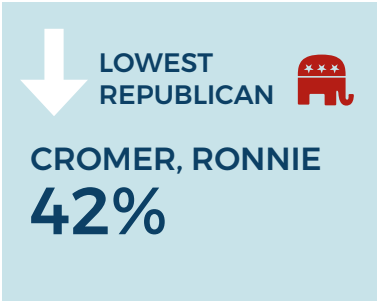
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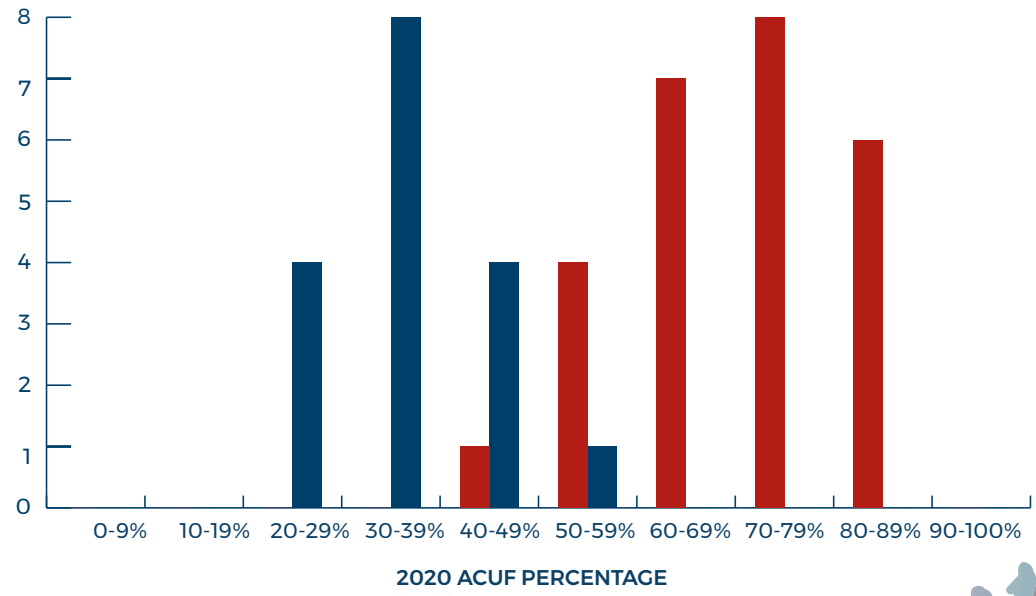
SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
27 TOTAL IN SENATE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
19 TOTAL IN SENATE




OF STATE SENATORS





SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE SCORES

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ALEXANDER, THOMAS	R	1	58%	35%	35%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Allen, Karl	D	7	33%	30%	17%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
BENNETT, SEAN	R	38	70%	50%	47%	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	X	+
Bright Matthews, Margie	D	45	40%	24%	22%	X	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	+	+
CAMPBELL, PAUL	R	44	n/a†	28%	29%	-	X	X	+	+	X	X	+	-	-	X	+
CAMPSEN III, CHIP	R	43	67%	42%	52%	-	+	+	+	X	-	X	X	+	-	+	+
CASH, RICHARD	R	3	67%	60%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
CLIMER, WES	R	15	67%	55%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
CORBIN, THOMAS	R	5	83%	65%	60%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
CROMER, RONNIE	R	18	42%	33%	36%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
DAVIS, TOM	R	46	58%	50%	60%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Fanning, Mike	D	17	27%	35%	26%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	+
GAMBRELL, MICHAEL	R	4	80%	33%	47%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	+
GOLDFINCH, STEPHEN	R	34	70%	32%	47%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	X
GREGORY, CHAUNCEY	R	16	70%	30%	41%	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	-	-	+	+
GROOMS, LAWRENCE	R	37	75%	60%	56%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+

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Harpootlian, Richard	D	20	27%	30%	29%	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	+
HEMBREE, GREG	R	28	58%	37%	43%	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Hutto, Brad	D	40	42%	25%	21%	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Jackson, Darrell	D	21	36%	22%	20%	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Johnson, Kevin	D	36	36%	30%	18%	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Kimpson, Marlon	D	42	33%	n/a	16%	-	-	X	-	+	X	-	+	-	-	X	+
LEATHERMAN, HUGH	R	31	63%	32%	30%	X	X	+	+	+	-	X	+	-	-	+	X
LOFTIS, DWIGHT	R	6	80%	50%	58%	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+
Malloy, Gerald	D	29	33%	24%	23%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
MARTIN, SHANE	R	13	80%	55%	62%	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	+
MASSEY, A. SHANE	R	25	83%	80%	65%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Matthews, John	D	39	n/a†	24%	12%	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	+	X	-	X	X
McElveen III, J. Thomas	D	35	n/a†	28%	19%	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	+	X	-	-	X
McLeod, Mia	D	22	44%	25%	20%	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	+	-	-	+	+
Nicholson, Floyd	D	10	25%	29%	18%	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	+	-	-	+	X
PEELER, HARVEY	R	14	75%	45%	50%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
RANKIN, LUKE	R	33	67%	24%	31%	X	X	+	+	X	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
Reese, Glenn	D	11	33%	25%	20%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
RICE, REX	R	2	73%	55%	56%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+
Sabb, Ronnie	D	32	27%	25%	14%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	X
Scott, John	D	19	40%	26%	17%	-	X	-	-	+	X	-	+	-	-	+	+
SENN, SANDY	R	41	56%	n/a	35%	-	X	+	+	+	-	X	+	X	-	-	+
Setzler, Nikki	D	26	33%	35%	22%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+

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Sheheen, Vincent	D	27	50%	25%	24%	X	-	X	-	+	-	X	+	-	X	+	+
TALLEY, SCOTT	R	12	80%	40%	53%	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	+
TURNER, ROSS	R	8	75%	35%	50%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
VERDIN III, DANNY	R	9	75%	45%	50%	-	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	+	-	X	+
Williams, Kent	D	30	33%	35%	21%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
YOUNG, TOM	R	24	67%	50%	56%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+

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SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SB 76 Expanding Cronyism through the Extension of the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program.** This bill would expand cronyism and government interference in the marketplace by extending the High Growth in Small Business Job Creation Act. This program, which provides “angel investors” (i.e., investors in start-up businesses) a tax credit based on their investment in select companies favored by government. The program is set to expire at the end of 2019, but this bill would extend the program through 2025 and permit up to \$5 million in tax credits to be issued annually. Additionally, this bill extends a crony program called the “Energy Efficient Manufactured Homes Incentive Program” which provides \$750 tax credits to purchasers of qualifying manufactured homes. ACU supports the lowest possible tax rate for all taxpayers, opposes this interference in the free marketplace which shifts tax burdens to other companies not favored by the government and provides select companies with competitive advantages in seeking investors and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 39-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. SB 419 (Amd. 14) Raising Taxpayer Costs by Preventing the Consolidation of School Districts (Motion to Defeat.)** The Kimpson (ACUF Lifetime 16%) amendment to the omnibus education bill eliminates the section that authorizes the consolidation of school districts when the student population falls below a certain level. ACU supports efforts to ensure taxpayer resources are utilized to their maximum potential to best educate students, supports the consolidation of school districts when possible to better utilize resources, and opposed this amendment. The Senate tabled (killed) the amendment on January 29, 2020 by a vote of 24-15. (A “Yes” vote supported the ACU position).
- 3. SB 419 (Amd. 115) Raising Teacher’s Salaries Regardless of Merit (Motion to Defeat.)** The Fanning (ACUF Lifetime 26%) amendment #115 to the omnibus education bill gives all teachers an automatic \$3,000 pay increase regardless of merit. ACU believes teacher pay should be based on performance as with employees in other professions and opposed this amendment. The Senate tabled (killed) the amendment on February 12, 2020 by a vote of 24-19. (A “Yes” vote supported the ACU position).
- 4. SB 419 (Amd. 179) Weakening School Choice by Severely Penalizing Charter Schools.** The Fanning (ACUF Lifetime 26%) amendment #179 to the omnibus education bill authorizes the Superintendent of Education to withhold funds from charter schools if, in the Superintendent’s opinion, the charter schools have not carried out a directive from the State Department of Education. ACU opposes these punitive measures that singles out charter schools and opposed this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on March 3, 2020 by a vote of 19-26.
- 5. SB 455 Streamlining License Reciprocity for Military Spouses.** This bill reforms the occupational licensing system to expedite occupational licenses for military servicemembers and their spouses who hold similar licenses in other states. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on February 27, 2020 by a vote of 41-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. SB 1099 Expanding Cronyism and Infringing Contracting Rights in the Alcohol Industry.** This bill advances cronyism by utilizing government to provide beer wholesalers greater power in their contract negotiations with manufacturers, brewers, or importers of beer. Specifically, the bill imposes the government in negotiations to prohibit several common practices in beer distribution negotiations. ACU recognizes that beer wholesalers in South Carolina already have near-monopoly control of beer distribution in the state. ACU opposes this government interference in the contracting rights of wholesalers and manufacturers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 30-4 and the bill was signed into law.
- 7. SCR 1201 Providing a Crucial Check on the Governor’s Emergency Powers.** This resolution would help protect individual liberties by preventing a state of emergency from lasting longer than 15 days and that any extension must be approved by the General Assembly. This bill is in response to the governor’s state of disaster emergency order relating to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 17-16. (The resolution failed to advance in the House.)



8. **HB 3174 Expanding Mobility Options by Exempting Electric Bikes from Excessive Regulations.** This bill expands mobility options by exempting electric-assisted bicycles from a number of stringent regulations in state law that were intended for motorcycles and other more powerful vehicles. Under the bill, a framework is established that regulates e-bikes as traditional bicycles and permits them to be operated on sidewalks and bike paths as long as they are not capable of exceeding 20 mph. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which discourage environmentally friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 21, 2020 by a vote of 42-0 and the bill was signed into law.

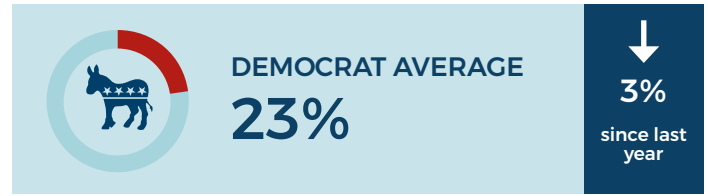
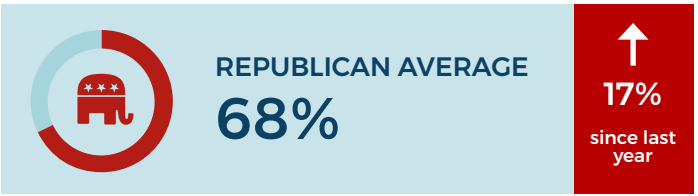
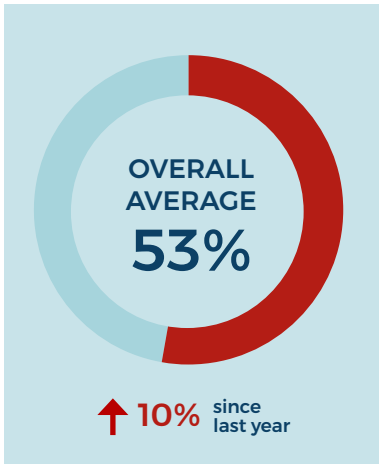
 9. **HB 3210 (Amd. 6) Prioritizing Relief Funds to Small Businesses Impacted by the Governor's Emergency Shutdowns (Motion to Defeat.)** The Cash (ACUF Lifetime 67%) amendment #6 to the COVID-19 relief program helps ensure federal funds are properly disbursed to small businesses that were forced by government to shut down due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Under the amendment, federal funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) act are to be disbursed to small businesses for expenses incurred which were directly related to costs associated with business interruptions from the COVID-19, as opposed to only special interests under the original version of the bill. The amendment also ensures the funds are not used to cover expenditures already covered by other federal relief program. ACU supports this measure to strengthen government integrity and direct federal relief funds to businesses directly shut down by government, as opposed to only government-favored entities and supported this amendment. The Senate voted to table (defeat) the amendment on September 15, 2020 by a vote of 28-12. (A "No" vote agreed with the ACU position.)

 10. **HB 3998 Expanding Cronyism through Additional Tax Credits for Developers of "Affordable Housing."** This bill would expand cronyism and government interference in the marketplace by providing state tax credits to certain developers of low-income housing projects. Currently, developers are awarded federal subsidies under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program for construction of "affordable housing." This bill would further enrich developers by duplicating the federal program and awarding state income tax credits at an estimated cost to South Carolina taxpayers of over \$16 million by 2029. ACU opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to truly make housing affordable and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 44-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 11. **HB 4262 Advancing the Next Generation of 5G Technology.** This bill would pave the way for the expansion of 5G broadband technology across the state. Under the bill, a regulatory framework would be established which prevents localities from blocking 5G infrastructure deployment by mandating providers of the services enter into franchisee agreements. Additionally, the bill would ensure that localities are compensated for their expenses and have a say in device placement. ACU supports the ability of private enterprise to provide the next generation of wireless services, supports a reasonable framework for deployment to ensure taxpayers won't bear costs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 32-6 and the bill was signed into law.

 12. **HB 4327 Protecting the Agritourism Industry from Excessive and Costly Fire Sprinkler Requirements.** This bill helps protect farms that host agritourism activities from costly and excessive requirements to install a fire sprinkler system. Specifically, this bill exempts agritourism structures without a commercial kitchen that accommodate up to 300 guests from requirements to install a sprinkler system. ACU supports protecting property owners from costly mandates that may jeopardize the ability to host agritourism and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 15, 2020 by a vote of 40-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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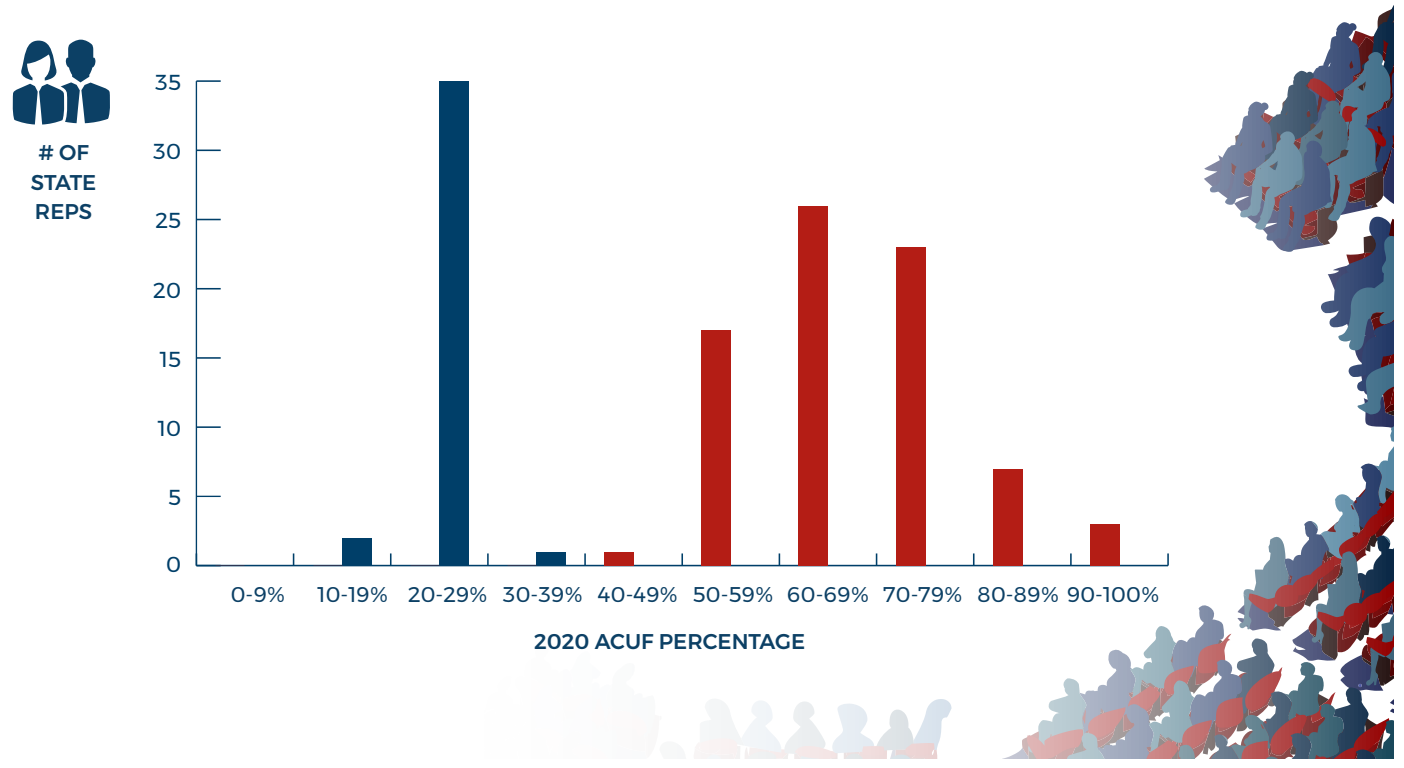
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 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
80 TOTAL IN HOUSE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
45 TOTAL IN HOUSE

↓ **LOWEST REPUBLICAN** 
CLARY, GARY
47%

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ALLISON, MERITA	R	36	55%	57%	64%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+
Anderson, Carl	D	103	22%	29%	18%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Atkinson, Lucas	D	57	26%	33%	42%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	X
BAILEY, WILLIAM	R	104	71%	52%	61%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Bales, Jimmy	D	80	29%	33%	33%	-	+	X	+	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	X
BALLENTINE, NATHAN	R	71	58%	45%	60%	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+
Bamberg, Justin	D	90	25%	n/a	22%	-	+	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-
BANNISTER, BRUCE	R	24	60%	44%	53%	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
BENNETT, LINDA	R	114	68%	47%	61%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	+	X	+
Bernstein, Beth	D	78	25%	27%	25%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACKWELL, BART	R	81	57%	43%	51%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
BRADLEY, JEFFREY	R	123	71%	44%	56%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Brawley, Wendy	D	70	20%	22%	23%	-	+	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown, Robert	D	116	20%	21%	20%	X	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
BRYANT, BRUCE	R	48	56%	50%	60%	X	+	-	-	X	X	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+

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BURNS, JAMES	R	17	76%	59%	62%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	
CALHOON, PAULA	R	87	67%	52%	59%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
CASKEY, MICAH	R	89	71%	62%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
CHELLIS, CONVERSE	R	94	n/a†	45%	45%	X	X	X	+	+	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	+	+	X	X	X
CHUMLEY, WILLIAM	R	35	80%	70%	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+
CLARY, GARY	R	3	47%	39%	41%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	-
CLEMMONS, ALAN	R	107	64%	48%	51%	-	+	X	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	-	-	X	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	X
Clyburn, William	D	82	24%	27%	24%	-	X	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	D	66	24%	28%	19%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COGSWELL, WILLIAM	R	110	59%	31%	42%	-	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	-	-
COLLINS, NEAL	R	5	58%	45%	51%	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
COX, BOBBY	R	21	69%	62%	65%	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X
COX, WESTLEY	R	10	67%	47%	57%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
CRAWFORD, HEATHER	R	68	71%	48%	52%	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	+
DANING, JOSEPH	R	92	74%	38%	58%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	+
DAVIS, SYLLESTE	R	100	75%	41%	61%	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Dillard, Chandra	D	23	26%	26%	20%	-	+	-	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELLIOTT, JASON	R	22	67%	46%	60%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
ERICKSON, SHANNON	R	124	65%	52%	58%	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FELDER, R. RAYE	R	26	67%	50%	64%	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FINLAY III, KIRKMAN	R	75	71%	46%	54%	-	+	-	+	X	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+
FORREST, CALLY	R	39	71%	58%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FORRESTER, P. MICHAEL	R	34	60%	55%	66%	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FRY, RUSSELL	R	106	67%	55%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Funderburk, Laurie	D	52	39%	32%	35%	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	-	-	-
GAGNON, CRAIG	R	11	62%	45%	54%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Garvin, Kambrell	D	77	24%	28%	26%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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GILLIAM, DOUG	R	42	84%	56%	70%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	
Gilliard, Wendell	D	111	n/a†	26%	19%	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-
Govan, Jerry	D	95	17%	n/a	26%	X	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HADDON, PATRICK	R	19	86%	n/a	86%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
HARDEE, KEVIN	R	105	79%	54%	56%	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
Hart, Christopher	D	73	n/a†	n/a	57%	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	+	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	
Hayes, Jackie	D	55	n/a†	28%	35%	-	+	X	X	+	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn	D	31	24%	29%	26%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Henegan, Patricia	D	54	21%	15%	21%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HERBKERSMAN, WILLIAM	R	118	63%	n/a	48%	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
HEWITT, LEE	R	108	67%	42%	54%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
HILL, JONATHON	R	8	100%	79%	87%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	
HIOTT, DAVID	R	4	75%	58%	59%	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
HIXON, WILLIAM	R	83	75%	55%	58%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	
Hosey, Lonnie	D	91	24%	29%	23%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Howard, Leon	D	76	n/a†	n/a	23%	X	X	X	X	+	-	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	
HUGGINS, CHIP	R	85	65%	48%	64%	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
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KIMMONS, MANDY	R	97	71%	53%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	
King, John	D	49	27%	16%	23%	-	X	X	+	+	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kirby, Roger	D	61	21%	27%	27%	-	+	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
LIGON, THOMAS	R	43	62%	42%	52%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
LONG, STEVEN	R	37	86%	79%	77%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
LOWE, PHILLIP	R	60	65%	50%	60%	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	X	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	
LUCAS, JAMES	R	65	53%	44%	48%	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
MACE, NANCY	R	99	79%	71%	73%	-	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	X	-	+	X	-	
Mack, David	D	109	22%	27%	21%	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	
MAGNUSON, JOSIAH	R	38	90%	77%	78%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	
MARTIN, RICHARD	R	40	67%	56%	58%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
Matthews, Krystle	D	117	24%	n/a	24%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MCCOY, PETER	R	115	n/a†	35%	45%	X	X	X	X	+	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X
MCCRAVY, JOHN	R	13	83%	48%	60%	-	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	
McDaniel, Annie	D	41	24%	30%	27%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MCGINNIS, TIMOTHY	R	56	71%	50%	61%	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	
McKnight, Cezar	D	101	13%	n/a	16%	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	
Moore, J. A.	D	15	25%	26%	26%	-	+	X	X	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	
MORGAN, ADAM	R	20	86%	77%	81%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
MOSS, DENNIS	R	29	60%	47%	58%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
MOSS, V. STEPHEN	R	30	78%	53%	58%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	
MURPHY, CHRIS	R	98	57%	47%	64%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	
NEWTON, BRANDON	R	45	61%	48%	56%	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	X	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	

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NEWTON, WESTON	R	120	63%	48%	49%	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
OREMUS, MELISSA	R	84	81%	n/a	81%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Ott, Russell	D	93	24%	31%	30%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks, J. Anne	D	12	20%	24%	19%	-	+	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Pendarvis, Marvin	D	113	25%	22%	25%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
POPE, THOMAS	R	47	57%	46%	52%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Powers Norrell, Mandy	D	44	28%	28%	28%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ridgeway, Robert	D	64	24%	26%	24%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rivers, Michael	D	121	26%	23%	22%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robinson, Leola	D	25	26%	18%	22%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rose, Seth	D	72	26%	23%	25%	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutherford, J. Todd	D	74	20%	n/a	28%	-	+	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANDIFER, WILLIAM	R	2	60%	39%	53%	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
SIMRILL, GARY	R	46	55%	46%	55%	-	X	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
SMITH, C. MURRELL	R	67	53%	48%	55%	-	+	-	X	X	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
SMITH, GARRY	R	27	75%	56%	65%	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
SOTTILE, F. MICHAEL	R	112	55%	47%	52%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	+
SPIRES, L. KIT	R	96	50%	41%	49%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+

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Stavrinakis, Leonidas	D	119	n/a†	30%	28%	X	X	-	X	+	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	+	+	-	-	+	X	X	-
STRINGER, TOMMY	R	18	74%	n/a	85%	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	+
TALLON, EDWARD	R	33	55%	52%	54%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+
TAYLOR, BILL	R	86	70%	50%	62%	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
THAYER, ANNE	R	9	76%	66%	71%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Thigpen, Ivory	D	79	20%	27%	25%	-	+	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-
TOOLE, MCLAIN	R	88	n/a†	n/a	66%	X	X	X	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+	X	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	X	+
TRANHAM, ASHLEY	R	28	75%	65%	62%	-	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Weeks, J. David	D	51	20%	30%	31%	-	+	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST, JOHN	R	7	63%	42%	54%	-	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Wetmore, Spencer	D	115	n/a†	n/a	n/a	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
Wheeler, William	D	50	21%	28%	27%	-	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE, W. BRIAN	R	6	75%	n/a	52%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+
WHITMIRE, WILLIAM	R	1	67%	45%	54%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
Williams, Robert	D	62	24%	28%	25%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Williams, Shedron	D	122	24%	26%	25%	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIS, MARK	R	16	74%	n/a	65%	-	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
WOOTEN, CHRIS	R	69	50%	45%	48%	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
YOW, RICHARD	R	53	65%	n/a	57%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+

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- 1. SB 76 Expanding Cronyism through the Extension of the Angel Investor Tax Credit Program.** This bill would expand cronyism and government interference in the marketplace by extending the High Growth in Small Business Job Creation Act. This program, which provides “angel investors” (i.e., investors in start-up businesses) a tax credit based on their investment in select companies favored by government. The program is set to expire at the end of 2019, but this bill would extend the program through 2025 and permit up to \$5 million in tax credits to be issued annually. Additionally, this bill extends a crony program called the “Energy Efficient Manufactured Homes Incentive Program” which provides \$750 tax credits to purchasers of qualifying manufactured homes. ACU supports the lowest possible tax rate for all taxpayers, opposes this interference in the free marketplace which shifts tax burdens to other companies not favored by the government and provides select companies with competitive advantages in seeking investors and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 109-2 and the bill was signed into law.
- 2. SB 455 Streamlining License Reciprocity for Military Spouses.** This bill reforms the occupational licensing system to expedite occupational licenses for military servicemembers and their spouses who hold similar licenses in other states. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 113-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 1099 Expanding Cronyism and Infringing Contracting Rights in the Alcohol Industry.** This bill advances cronyism by utilizing government to provide beer wholesalers greater power in their contract negotiations with manufacturers, brewers, or importers of beer. Specifically, the bill imposes the government in negotiations to prohibit several common practices in beer distribution negotiations. ACU recognizes that beer wholesalers in South Carolina already have near-monopoly control of beer distribution in the state. ACU opposes this government interference in the contracting rights of wholesalers and manufacturers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on September 22, 2020 by a vote of 76-13 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. HB 3066 Expanding Employment Opportunities Through Expungement of Certain Arrest Records.** This bill is designed to expand employment opportunities through two significant reforms concerning retention of arrest records. Firstly, the bill helps protect innocent individuals by requiring the destruction of arrest records for an individual detained as a result of mistaken identity. Secondly, the bill permits individuals who have been charged with low-level offenses that have not been adjudicated by trial, guilty plea or otherwise dismissed to, after 5 years of remaining crime free, petition to have the offense dismissed and associating arrest records destroyed. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports efforts to reduce recidivism and expand economic growth by making it easier for reformed individuals with criminal records to obtain employment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 11, 2020 by a vote of 96-5. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 5. HB 3174 Expanding Mobility Options by Exempting Electric Bikes from Excessive Regulations.** This bill expands mobility options by exempting electric-assisted bicycles from a number of stringent regulations in state law that were intended for motorcycles and other more powerful vehicles. Under the bill, a framework is established that regulates e-bikes as traditional bicycles and permits them to be operated on sidewalks and bike paths as long as they are not capable of exceeding 20 mph. ACU opposes excessive statewide mandates which discourage environmentally friendly travel and limit mobility options for commuters, tourists and families and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 15, 2020 by a vote of 105-0 and the bill was signed into law.
- 6. HB 3197 Imposing a Draconian New Licensing Regime on Student Loan Servicers.** This bill establishes the “Student Loan Bill of Rights Act,” which establishes a draconian new licensing regime and creates a new state bureaucracy despite the oversight already provided at the federal level. Under the bill, student loan providers are forced to pay new fees of nearly two-thousand dollars, undergo fingerprint based background checks, and obtain a surety bond. ACU opposes this duplicative bureaucracy which restricts competition and drives up loan costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 19, 2020 by a vote of 66-45. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



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7. **HB 3210 (Amd. 3A) Misusing Federal COVID-19 Funds - Paid Leave for Government Employees (Motion to Defeat.)** The Brawley (ACUF Lifetime 23%) amendment 3A to a bill which distributes federal CARES Act funding misuses the funds to provide an even greater amount of paid leave to state employees. Under the amendment, state employees are entitled to an additional ten days (80 hours) of paid sick leave if they cite any one of a number of Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) related reasons. The leave is in addition to the current paid leave state employees are already provided and may be used even if regular sick leave benefits have not been fully utilized. ACU opposes misusing federal COVID-19 funds and believes this measure is particularly insulting to taxpaying non-government workers who face similar challenges and difficulties in their employment and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (killed) the amendment on September 16, 2020 by a vote of 73-39. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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8. **HB 3210 (Amd. 4A) Empowering Teacher's Unions to Keep Students out of the Classroom (Motion to Defeat.)** The Funderburk (ACUF Lifetime 35%) amendment 4A to a bill which distributes federal CARES Act funding is designed to further fuel the South Carolina Education Association's (SCEA) quest to keep students out of the classroom, which has a severe negative impact on education attainment. Specifically, the amendment mandates that funds for academic recovery camps be paid out even if the camps remain closed for in-person instruction. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by getting students back in the classroom, opposes this measure meant to benefit the SCEA at the expense of students and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (killed) the amendment on September 16, 2020 by a vote of 74-36. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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9. **HB 3210 (Amd. 8A) Misusing Federal COVID-19 Funds - Bonuses for Government Employees (Motion to Defeat.)** The Cobb-Hunter (ACUF Lifetime 19%) amendment 8A to a bill which distributes federal CARES Act funding misuses the funds to provide over \$20 million in bonuses to select state employees. ACU considers it disrespectful to the private sector to hand out bonuses to government workers at a time when thousands of South Carolinians have lost their jobs due to shutdowns imposed by the government and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (killed) the amendment on September 16, 2020 by a vote of 72-40. (A "Yes" vote agreed with the ACU position).
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10. **HB 3411 (Amd. 4A) Strengthening Privacy Rights by Requiring Written Consent to Conduct Contact Tracing (Motion to Defeat.)** The Magnuson (ACUF Lifetime 78%) amendment 4A to a COVID-19 related appropriations bill prohibits the government from mandating individuals participate in contact tracing due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). ACU supports strong privacy rights, does not believe the government should exploit a health emergency to begin tracking the movements of citizens without a warrant and supported this amendment. The House voted to table (defeat) the amendment on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 85-34. (A "Nay" vote supports the ACU position).
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11. **HB 3455 Imposing New Licensure Mandates on Swimming Pool Installers.** This bill raises consumer costs and decreases job opportunities by now forcing swimming pool installers to obtain a "residential specialty contactor license." ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 19, 2020 by a vote of 69-45. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate).
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12. **HB 3998 Expanding Cronyism through Additional Tax Credits for Developers of "Affordable Housing."** This bill would expand cronyism and government interference in the marketplace by providing state tax credits to certain developers of low-income housing projects. Currently, developers are awarded federal subsidies under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program for construction of "affordable housing." This bill would further enrich developers by duplicating the federal program and awarding state income tax credits at an estimated cost to South Carolina taxpayers of over \$16 million by 2029. ACU opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to truly make housing affordable and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 12, 2020 by a vote of 97-18 and the bill was signed into law.
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13. **HB 4209 Duplicating Federal Programs and Forcing Taxpayers to Further Subsidize the Risks of Agriculture.** This bill activates a mechanism of cronyism designed to enrich the farming industry by forcing taxpayers to further subsidize farms that experienced some sort of loss due to environment or weather-related causes. Under the bill, eligible farms could receive a grant worth up to 20% of the person's verifiable loss of agricultural commodities. This subsidy is in addition to the countless other subsidies the industry receives at both the state and federal level and is even provided to farmers who elected not to cover their crops with adequate insurance. ACU recognizes all industries and businesses face challenges, risks, and losses, opposes this government interference which socializes these costs to benefit a select industry and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 4, 2020 by a vote of 99-4. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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14. **HB 4262 Advancing the Next Generation of 5G Technology.** This bill would pave the way for the expansion of 5G broadband technology across the state. Under the bill, a regulatory framework would be established which prevents localities from blocking 5G infrastructure deployment by mandating providers of the services enter into franchisee agreements. Additionally, the bill would ensure that localities are compensated for their expenses and have a say in device placement. ACU supports the ability of private enterprise to provide the next generation of wireless services, supports a reasonable framework for deployment to ensure taxpayers will not bear costs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 24, 2020 by a vote of 104-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **HB 4327 Protecting the Agritourism Industry from Excessive and Costly Fire Sprinkler Requirements.** This bill helps protect farms that host agritourism activities from costly and excessive requirements to install a fire sprinkler system. Specifically, this bill exempts agritourism structures without a commercial kitchen that accommodate up to 300 guests from requirements to install a sprinkler system. ACU supports protecting property owners from costly mandates that may jeopardize the ability to host agritourism and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 22, 2020 by a vote of 106-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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16. **HB 5201 (Section 8) Increasing Unnecessary Spending—Government-Run Television.** This vote approves section 8 of the budget bill. Under the section, over \$51.8 million in base funding is provided to the Educational Television Commission. This appropriation is more than double the previous fiscal year and covers the salaries of over 150 government employees to produce television and radio content, including unnecessary programming related to cooking, gardening, and entertainment. ACU believes it is not an essential role of government to entertain, opposes the use of taxpayer funds for non-essential government functions that compete with the private sector and opposed the adoption of this section. The House voted to adopt the section on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 90-15.
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17. **HB 5201 (Section 71) Increasing Unnecessary Spending—Commission on Minority Affairs.** This vote approves section 71 of the budget bill. Under the section, nearly \$1.9 million is appropriated to the Commission on Minority Affairs. The appropriations are increased from the prior year to provide the director an 11% raise (a \$102,000 salary) and 18 full-time positions. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all, that it is the duty government to ensure all laws are applied equally, and that those who discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU recognizes that the commission has already demonstrated that it has exceeded its mission of ensuring that all laws are applied equally by funding recipe sharing campaigns, Zumba parties, and "20 under 40" lists. ACU believes that before taxpayers are asked to spend more money, the commission should reform its programs to ensure that the funds will be spent appropriately. ACU opposes the use of taxpayer funds for nonessential government functions and opposed the adoption of this section. The House voted to adopt the section on March 9, 2020 by a vote of 102-9.
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18. **HB 5201 (Amd. 18) Shifting Tax Burdens to Individuals Disfavored by Government by Expanding Property Tax Carve-Outs for Select Individuals (Motion to Defeat.)** The Brawley (ACUF Lifetime 23%) amendment to the budget bill shifts tax burdens to individuals not favored by the government by increasing the homestead exemption in state law from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for a homeowner's primary residence for homeowners who are 65 years of age, legally blind, or disabled. This government program is funded by state taxpayers who must provide payments to the local governments for the reduction in revenue due to the increased exemption. ACU opposes carve-outs in the tax code that shift tax burdens to individuals not favored by the government, instead supports a broadly applied tax code with the lowest possible rates for everyone and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (killed) the amendment on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 65-54. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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19. **HB 5201 (Amd. 21) Another Attempt to Increase Government Employees Pay Regardless of Merit (Motion to Defeat.)** Having failed to pass a \$63 million dollar increase in government employees' base pay, Representative Cobb-Hunter (ACUF Lifetime 19.54%) sponsored another amendment to increase the base pay line item by \$10 million. ACU also opposed this desperate approach to spend more taxpayer money, especially as the state braces for the economic impact of COVID-19 and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (killed) the amendment on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 76-44. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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20. **HB 5202 (Amd. 6A) Weakening Election Integrity by Expanding Absentee Voting (Motion to Defeat.)** The Ott (ACUF Lifetime 30%) amendment 6A to the COVID-19 appropriations bill weakens election integrity by permitting "no-excuse" absentee voting by mail. Under existing law, absentee ballots had been reserved for eligible, registered voters who would otherwise be incapable of voting, including those who became ill, have disabilities, or plan to be absent from the state due to travel or duty in the Armed Services. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards such as those suspended under this amendment are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes this measure that would weaken election integrity and increase the risk that illegal ballots would be counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and opposed this amendment. The House voted to table (defeat) the amendment on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 69-41. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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21. **HB 5305 (Amd. 2A) Undermining Election Integrity by Making it Easier to Engage in Ballot Harvesting (Motion to Defeat.)** The Brawley (ACUF Lifetime 23%) amendment 2A to the election bill authorizes ballot drop boxes, which incentivizes ballot harvesting, the practice of allowing political operatives and others to collect voters' ballots and turn them in en masse to polling stations. ACUF's Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote count once and only once. ACU opposes weakening the integrity of elections by introducing opportunities for voter fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and opposed this bill. The House voted to table (defeat) the amendment on September 15, 2020 by a vote of 73-45. (A "Yes" vote supported the ACU position).
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