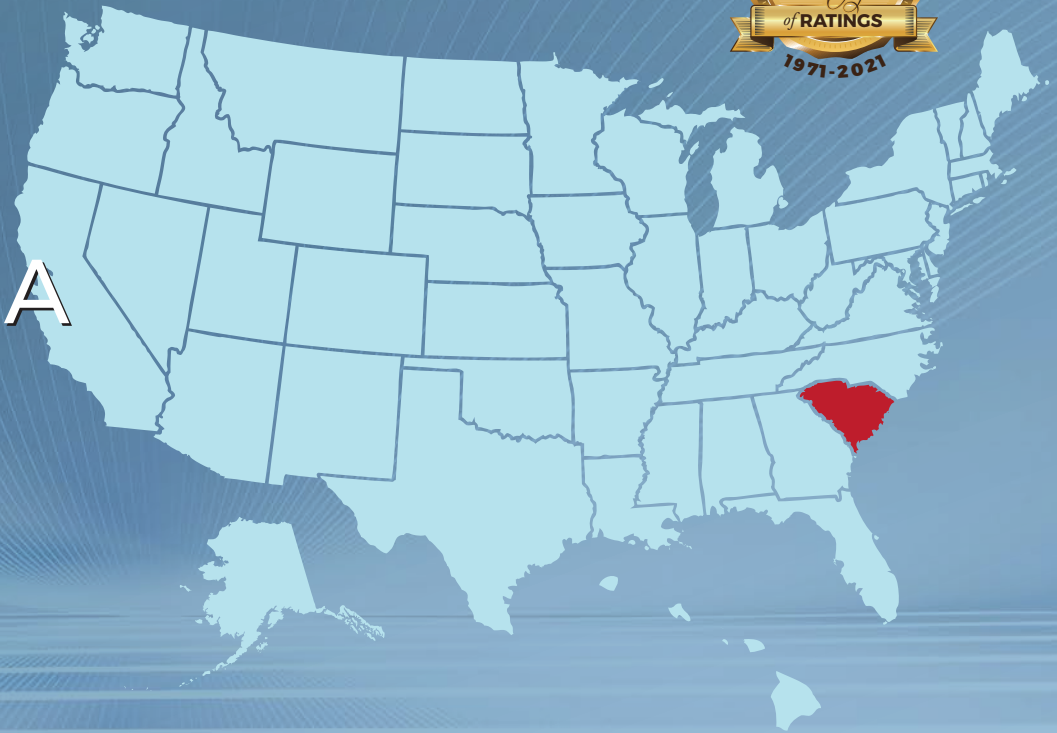




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RATINGS of SOUTH CAROLINA 2021



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 South Carolina* for 2021. 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
Chairman
American Conservative Union Foundation





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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2021 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

1 since last year*

HOUSE

MAY III, ROBERT

MCCABE JR., DONALD

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

No change since last year*

SENATE

n/a

5 since last year*

HOUSE

Garvin, Kambrell

Johnson, Kimberly

Hart, Christopher

Stavrinakis, Leonidas

Johnson Sr., Jermaine

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

2 since last year*

SENATE

CASH, RICHARD

KIMBRELL, JOSH

CORBIN, THOMAS

LOFTIS, DWIGHT

CROMER, RONNIE

MARTIN, SHANE

GROOMS, LAWRENCE

MASSEY, A. SHANE

4 since last year*

HOUSE

BURNS, JAMES

FORREST, CALLY

MORGAN, ADAM

COX, BOBBY

HILL, JONATHON

OREMUS, MELISSA

CRAWFORD, HEATHER

HUGGINS, CHIP

SMITH, MARVIN

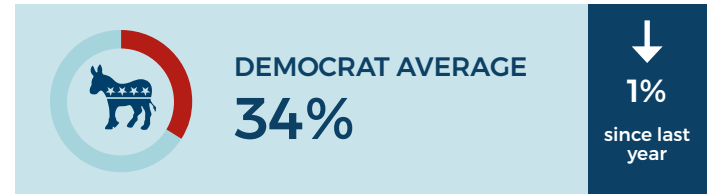
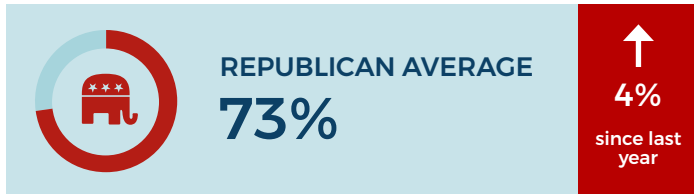
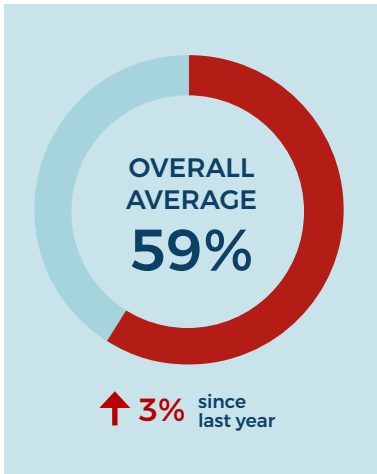
DABNEY, VICTOR

JONES, STEWART

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



SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE STATISTICS

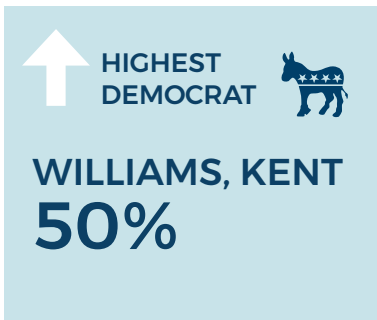
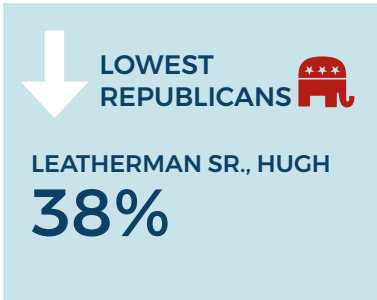
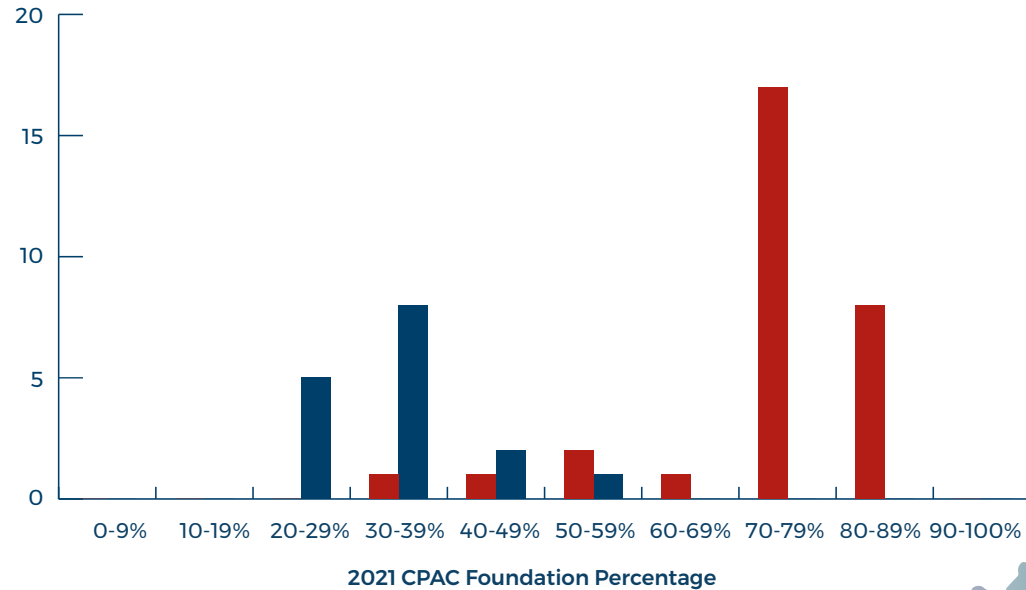


SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
30 TOTAL IN SENATE

BLUE = DEMOCRATS
16 TOTAL IN SENATE

OF STATE SENATORS





SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE SCORES

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ADAMS, BRIAN	R	44	76%	n/a	76%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
ALEXANDER, THOMAS	R	1	71%	58%	39%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	
Allen, Karl	D	7	35%	33%	19%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BENNETT, SEAN	R	38	69%	70%	50%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	
Bright Matthews, Margie	D	45	23%	40%	22%	-	X	+	-	X	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
CAMPSEN III, GEORGE	R	43	71%	67%	54%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	
CASH, RICHARD	R	3	82%	67%	71%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
CLIMER, WES	R	15	76%	67%	65%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
CORBIN, THOMAS	R	5	81%	83%	63%	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
CROMER, RONNIE	R	18	81%	42%	42%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	
DAVIS, TOM	R	46	71%	58%	62%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	
Fanning, Mike	D	17	38%	27%	29%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	
GAMBRELL, MICHAEL	R	4	75%	80%	51%	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
GARRETT, BILLY	R	10	76%	n/a	76%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
GOLDFINCH, STEPHEN	R	34	76%	70%	52%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	
GROOMS, LAWRENCE	R	37	80%	75%	59%	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	

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GUSTAFSON, PENRY	R	27	71%	n/a	71%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	
Harpootlian, Richard	D	20	29%	27%	29%	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
HEMBREE, GREG	R	28	59%	58%	45%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Hutto, Brad	D	40	33%	42%	22%	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson, Darrell	D	21	33%	36%	23%	X	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson, Kevin	D	36	35%	36%	20%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JOHNSON, MICHAEL	R	16	76%	n/a	76%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
KIMBRELL, JOSH	R	11	80%	n/a	80%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	+	+
Kimpson, Marlon	D	42	31%	33%	18%	X	-	+	-	+	-	+	X	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LEATHERMAN SR., HUGH	R	31	38%	63%	31%	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	X	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOFTIS, DWIGHT	R	6	87%	80%	61%	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	X
Malloy, Gerald	D	29	41%	33%	25%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARTIN, SHANE	R	13	80%	80%	65%	+	X	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
MASSEY, A. SHANE	R	25	82%	83%	67%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
McElveen III, J. Thomas	D	35	35%	n/a	21%	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
McLeod, Mia	D	22	27%	44%	21%	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEELER JR., HARVEY	R	14	76%	75%	53%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
RANKIN, LUKE	R	33	53%	67%	34%	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
RICE, REX	R	2	76%	73%	60%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Sabb, Ronnie	D	32	33%	27%	17%	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott, John	D	19	27%	40%	18%	-	+	+	-	X	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SENN, SANDY	R	41	43%	56%	37%	-	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	-	-
Setzler, Nikki	D	26	40%	33%	24%	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SHEALY, KATRINA	R	23	75%	67%	54%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	-

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TALLEY, SCOTT	R	12	76%	80%	58%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
TURNER, ROSS	R	8	76%	75%	53%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
VERDIN III, DANIEL	R	9	75%	75%	53%	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-
Williams, Kent	D	30	50%	33%	25%	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
YOUNG JR., TOM	R	24	76%	67%	59%	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-

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SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **S 1 Protecting Life by Prohibiting Abortion Upon Detection of a Fetal Heartbeat.** This bill protects life by prohibiting an abortion once an unborn child has a detectable heartbeat. The bill provides an exception in cases of a medical emergency, rape, or incest. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on January 28, 2021 by a vote of 30-13 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SJR 147 Reopening the Economy Through COVID-19 Liability Protections.** This bill helps protect businesses from frivolous litigation pertaining to COVID-19 exposure. Under the bill, businesses would be protected from civil liability for damages or injuries resulting from exposure to COVID-19 as long as the exposure was not the result of "grossly negligent, reckless, willful or intentional misconduct." ACU supports this critical measure to help allow businesses to reopen by protecting them from frivolous litigation and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 40-3 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **SJR 419 Reducing a Regulatory Barrier to Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations.** This resolution helps increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine by temporarily expanding the number of healthcare providers who are permitted to administer vaccinations. Under the bill, physicians and registered nurses may delegate COVID-19 vaccine administration to certified medical assistants. Additionally, retired or inactive health care workers who are in good standing by a South Carolina professional licensing board may also administer the vaccine. ACU supports reducing costs and improving access to health care by eliminating excessive restrictions on health care providers and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on February 24, 2021 by a vote of 45-1. (The resolution failed to advance in the House.)
4. **S 463 Extending a Crony Tax Credit that Socializes the Costs of Geothermal Equipment.** This bill expands cronyism by extending a state tax credit for geothermal machinery and equipment. Under the bill, the 25% tax credit for these products is extended through 2032 (previously set to expire in 2022). ACU supports all sources of energy and a tax code that is broadly applied with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes this interference in the free marketplace which shifts tax burdens to other individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 23, 2021 by a vote of 44-0 and the bill was signed into law.
5. **S 506 Strengthening "Food Freedom" by Expanding Opportunities for Cottage Food.** This bill broadens consumer options by expanding the types of foods which cottage food producers can sell directly to stores and consumers. The bill also allows for online and mail-order sales directly to consumers. ACU supports "food freedom" and expanding entrepreneurship and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on March 10, 2021 by a vote of 40-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
6. **S 510 Invoking Government Interference in Private Automobile Dealer and Manufacturer Franchise Agreements.** This bill invokes government interference in the private contracting agreements of automobile dealers and manufacturers in order to provide more favorable outcomes to dealers. Specifically, the bill contains multiple pages of new regulations and price controls relating to warranty and recall reimbursements, dealership facility standards and auditing practices. ACU recognizes the costs of these mandates are ultimately passed onto consumers through higher vehicle prices and weaker warranties. ACU supports the freedom to contract, opposes measures which invoke government interference in private franchise or contract agreements to benefit select parties, and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 28, 2021 by a vote of 40-0.
7. **S 516 Improving Educational Outcomes by Requiring Schools to Return to In-Person Learning Following COVID-19.** This bill helps ensure students are provided the opportunity obtain a quality education by requiring public school districts to offer five-day, in-person classroom instruction no later than the Monday following spring break. The bill also ensures school staff are provided the opportunity to obtain a vaccination if they wish to receive one. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by returning students to the classroom, opposes exiling a generation of students to unproductive learning environments that obstruct academic achievement and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 9, 2021 by a vote of 42-0. (The resolution failed to advance in the House.)



8. **S 615 Expanding Athletic Opportunities for Students Attending Small Private Schools.** This bill helps promote school choice by providing the ability of students enrolled in private schools with under 200 students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. ACU supports promoting school choice by ensuring home schooled and small private school students have the same opportunities as public school students and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 24, 2021 by a vote of 34-9. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

 9. **S 717 Reducing Health Care Costs by Slightly Weakening Anti-Competitive "Certificate of Need" Mandates.** This bill is designed to reduce health care costs by weakening some of the state's certificate of need (CON) mandates. The state's CON law serves as a regulatory barrier to prevent health care facilities from opening or expanding unless investors prove a "need" for the facilities. Specifically, the bill would exempt diabetes screening facilities and freestanding angiogram imaging centers from the state's CON law. ACU supports the complete elimination of CON mandates which restrict competition and drive-up healthcare costs but supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 46-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

 10. **H 3094 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights – Open Carry with Training Act.** This bill strengthens Second Amendment Rights by permitting a holder of a concealed weapon permit to carry a handgun openly. While the bill eliminates the \$50 fee for obtaining a permit, and individual must still be 21 years of age, take eight hours of training and pass a fingerprint-based background check. ACU supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 6, 2021 by a vote of 28-16 and the bill was signed into law.

 11. **H 3094 (Amd. 60) Seizing Firearms without the Due Process through "Red Flag" Confiscations.** The Matthews (ACUF Lifetime 22%) amendment to the open carry bill would violate Second Amendment and due process rights by permitting law enforcement and public attorneys to submit an ex-parte (i.e., one-sided) petition to a court for an extreme risk protection order. This order would allow the seizure of all firearms held by the accused, without a hearing for the accused to defend themselves, if the officials believe they are a danger to themselves or others simply due to the possession of a firearm. Under the bill, a court would be directed to issue the order on the basis of "probable cause," a low standard of evidence. ACU opposes this and other so-called "red flag" measures, supports the founders' belief in both in the Second Amendment and due process under the law and opposed this amendment. The Senate failed to adopt the amendment on May 6, 2021 by a vote of 7-31.

 12. **H 3094 (Martin Amd.) Strengthening Second Amendment Rights – SC Constitutional Carry Act (Motion to Defeat).** The Martin Amendment 3B to the open carry with training act would strengthen Second Amendment rights by establishing "constitutional carry" (permitless carry) in South Carolina. As a result, all individuals who are permitted to lawfully own a firearm would be able to carry a concealed firearm in public without having to obtain a special permit. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate voted to lay on the table (defeat the bill) on May 5, 2021 by a vote of 25-21. (A "NO" vote supported the ACU position.)

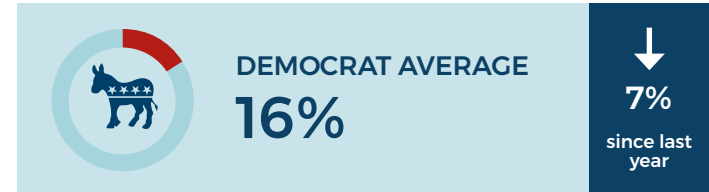
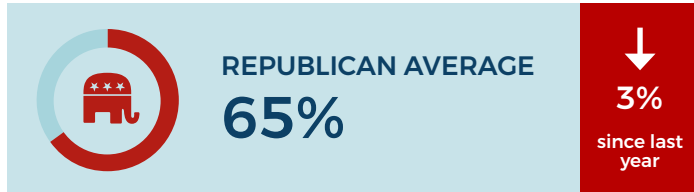
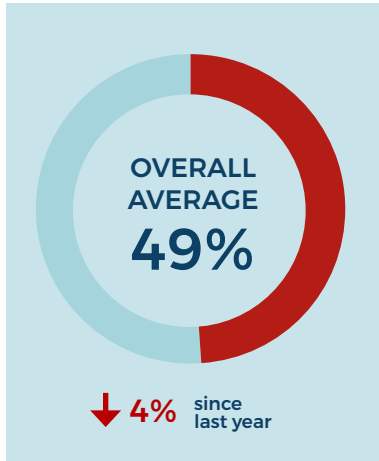
 13. **H 4100 (Cash Amd. 16) Prohibiting Taxpayer-Funded Abortion and Defunding Planned Parenthood (Motion to Defeat).** The Senator Cash (ACUF Lifetime 71%) amendment #16 to the budget bill ensures taxpayer family planning funds are not utilized to subsidize an abortion or provided to an organization that provides abortion, such as Planned Parenthood. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this amendment. The Senate rejected an attempt to table (defeat) the amendment on April 28, 2021 by a vote of 23-23. (A "NO" vote supports the ACU position.)
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14. **H 4100 (Cash Amd. 71) Protecting Women's Athletics from Competition with Men (Motion to Defeat.)** The Cash (ACUF Lifetime 71%) amendment #71 to the budget bill would protect the institution of women's athletics by requiring all public primary and secondary education institutions to maintain separate competition for female and male students. Under the bill, athletes participating in public school athletics, or in private athletics part of an interscholastic association, would be required to compete according to their biological sex at birth. As a result, biological males who identify as females (or vice versa) would not be permitted to compete with individuals of a different sex, unless the competition is designated co-ed. ACU believes all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect and have the same opportunities under the law. ACU also recognizes that there are numerous standard classifications in sports (such as age, weight, etc.) to ensure fair competition. Therefore, ACU supports ensuring fair competition among teams competing across the state and supported this amendment. The Senate failed to defeat the amendment through a procedural motion on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 18-25. (A "NO" vote supports the ACU position.)
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15. **H 4100 (Section 8) Fueling Unnecessary Competition with the Private Sector Through Wasteful Spending on Government-Run Television.** This vote approves section 8 of the budget bill. Under the section, funding is provided to the Educational Television Commission 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 Senate passed the section on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 45-1.
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16. **H 4100 (Jackson Amd.) Misusing Taxpayer Funds by Providing \$250 Bribes to College Students to Get Vaccinated.** The Jackson (ACUF Lifetime 23%) amendment #82a to the budget bill forces taxpayers to spend \$50 million to provide \$250 bribes to college students to get vaccinated against COVID-19. ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, opposes this misuse of taxpayer funds and opposed this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment on April 29, 2021 by a vote of 18-27.
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17. **H 4100 (Veto 7) Advancing Cronyism Through a Tax Exemption for Food Manufacturing Equipment.** This veto override vote further expands cronyism by establishing a special-interest sales tax exemption for "food equipment." As the governor noted in his veto message, "this exemption joins the hundreds of existing piecemeal tax exemptions that hurt the state's ability to compete for jobs, investment and capital." ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates possible for everyone. ACU opposes this distortion of the tax code which benefits select companies and industries while shifting tax burdens to other industries and individuals not favored by government and opposed this motion. The Senate voted to override the Governor's veto on June 29, 2021 by a vote of 33-9.
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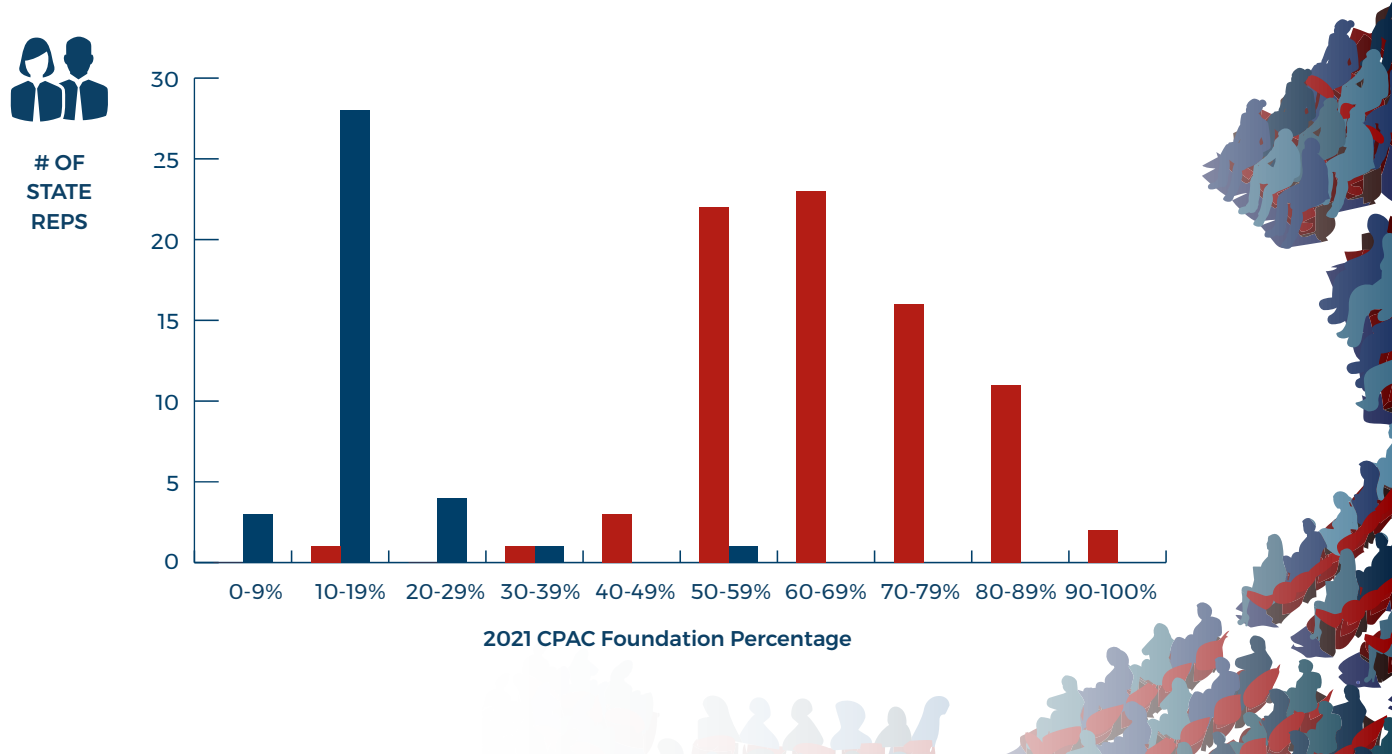
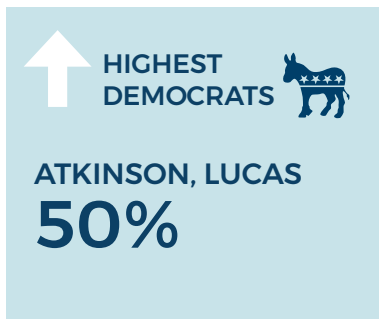
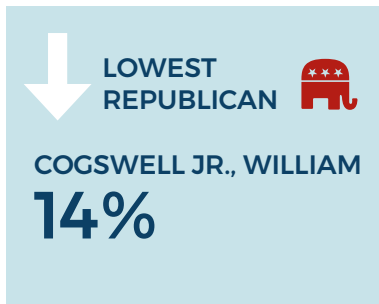
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ALLISON, MERITA	R	36	56%	55%	63%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	X	X	X	X
Anderson, Carl	D	103	18%	22%	18%	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Atkinson, Lucas	D	57	50%	26%	43%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	X
BAILEY, WILLIAM	R	104	60%	71%	61%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
BALLENTINE, NATHAN	R	71	63%	58%	60%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
Bamberg, Justin	D	90	n/a†	25%	22%	X	+	-	X	+	-	X	X	+	X	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-
BANNISTER, BRUCE	R	24	53%	60%	53%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
BENNETT, LINDA	R	114	75%	68%	64%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	-	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	+
Bernstein, Beth	D	78	11%	25%	23%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BLACKWELL, BART	R	81	55%	57%	52%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-
BRADLEY, JEFFREY	R	123	61%	71%	57%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	X	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Brawley, Wendy	D	70	11%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
BRITAIN JR., THOMAS	R	107	58%	n/a	58%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	X
BRYANT, BRUCE	R	48	50%	56%	58%	+	X	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	+	X	X	X	X	+	-	+	+

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BUSTOS, JOSEPH	R	112	55%	n/a	55%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
CALHOON, PAULA	R	87	60%	67%	59%	+	+	X	-	X	X	+	X	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
CARTER, JERRY	R	3	47%	n/a	47%	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
CASKEY, MICAJAH	R	89	67%	71%	60%	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
CHUMLEY, WILLIAM	R	35	74%	80%	76%	+	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Clyburn, William	D	82	13%	24%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	D	66	18%	24%	19%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
COGSWELL JR., WILLIAM	R	110	14%	59%	36%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X
COLLINS, NEAL	R	5	56%	58%	51%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	X	+	-	-	+	+
COX, BOBBY	R	21	80%	69%	70%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
COX, WESTLEY	R	10	63%	67%	59%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+
CRAWFORD, HEATHER	R	68	81%	71%	56%	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	+
DABNEY, VICTOR	R	52	85%	n/a	85%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
DANING, JOSEPH	R	92	50%	74%	57%	+	X	-	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	X	+
DAVIS, SYLLESTE	R	100	68%	75%	62%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+
Dillard, Chandra	D	23	11%	26%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-
ELLIOTT, JASON	R	22	50%	67%	58%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
ERICKSON, SHANNON	R	124	50%	65%	57%	+	X	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
FELDER, R. RAYE	R	26	53%	67%	63%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	+	X
FINLAY III, KIRKMAN	R	75	38%	71%	52%	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
FORREST, CALLY	R	39	83%	71%	63%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
FRY, RUSSELL	R	106	75%	67%	61%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
GAGNON, CRAIG	R	11	65%	62%	55%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Garvin, Kambrell	D	77	10%	24%	20%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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GATCH, GIL	R	94	53%	n/a	53%	+	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
GILLIAM, LEON	R	42	75%	84%	72%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Gilliard, Wendell	D	111	17%	n/a	19%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Govan Jr., Jerry	D	95	11%	17%	24%	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HADDON, PATRICK	R	19	75%	86%	80%	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
HARDEE, KEVIN	R	105	55%	79%	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Hart, Christopher	D	73	7%	n/a	32%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	+	X	-	-	-	-
Hayes, Jackie	D	55	n/a†	n/a	35%	X	+	-	-	+	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn	D	31	15%	24%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Henegan, Patricia	D	54	21%	21%	21%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
HERBKERSMAN, WILLIAM	R	118	60%	63%	50%	+	X	-	-	+	+	X	X	+	-	+	+	-	-	X	+	X	-	+	+
HEWITT, LEE	R	108	63%	67%	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
HILL, JONATHON	R	8	82%	100%	86%	X	-	+	-	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
HIOTT, DAVID	R	4	71%	75%	60%	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
HIXON, WILLIAM	R	83	53%	75%	58%	+	+	-	-	+	X	+	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Hosey, Lonnie	D	91	11%	24%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Howard, Leon	D	76	n/a†	n/a	23%	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	X

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HYDE JR., MAX	R	32	55%	57%	51%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Jefferson Jr., Joseph	D	102	15%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson Sr., Jermaine	D	80	6%	n/a	6%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JOHNSON, JEFFREY	R	58	63%	63%	58%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	X	-	-	+	+
Johnson, Kimberly	D	64	10%	n/a	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
JONES, STEWART	R	14	86%	95%	90%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	+
JORDAN JR., WALLACE	R	63	53%	57%	50%	X	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
KIMMONS, MANDY	R	97	68%	71%	64%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
King, John	D	49	19%	27%	23%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	-
Kirby, Roger	D	61	29%	21%	27%	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
LIGON, THOMAS	R	43	55%	62%	53%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
LONG, STEVEN	R	37	76%	86%	77%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	X	X
LOWE, PHILLIP	R	60	69%	65%	61%	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	X	-	+	X	+	+	+
LUCAS, JAMES	R	65	58%	53%	49%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
MAGNUSON, JOSIAH	R	38	75%	90%	77%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
MARTIN, RICHARD	R	40	60%	67%	59%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	-	+	X	X	X	-	-	-	+
Matthews, Krystle	D	117	12%	24%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	+	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
MAY III, ROBERT	R	88	90%	n/a	90%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MCCABE JR., DONALD	R	96	90%	n/a	90%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MCCRAVY III, JOHN	R	13	74%	83%	63%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
McDaniel, Annie	D	41	17%	24%	23%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	X
MCGARRY, SANDY	R	44	60%	n/a	60%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
MCGINNIS, TIMOTHY	R	56	69%	71%	63%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	-	+	+

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McKnight, Cezar	D	101	27%	13%	18%	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	-	+	X	+	-	-	X	+	-	X	X	-	-
Moore, JA	D	15	n/a†	25%	26%	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	+	X	-	-	-	-
MOORE, TRAVIS	R	33	60%	n/a	60%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
MORGAN, ADAM	R	20	82%	86%	82%	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	-	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MOSS, DENNIS	R	29	60%	60%	58%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
MOSS, V. STEPHEN	R	30	n/a†	78%	58%	X	X	-	X	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	X	X
MURPHY, CHRIS	R	98	63%	57%	64%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	+	+
Murray, Chardale	D	116	14%	n/a	14%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	X	X	-	X	-	+	-	X	-	-	-
NEWTON, BRANDON	R	45	53%	61%	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
NEWTON, WESTON	R	120	61%	63%	51%	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+
NUTT, ROGER	R	34	65%	n/a	65%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
OREMUS, MELISSA	R	84	84%	81%	83%	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Ott, Russell	D	93	35%	24%	31%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Parks, J. Anne	D	12	n/a†	20%	19%	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	+	X	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	-
Pendarvis, Marvin	D	113	17%	25%	23%	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
POPE, THOMAS	R	47	47%	57%	52%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Rivers Sr., Michael	D	121	13%	26%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X

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Robinson, Leola	D	25	n/a†	26%	22%	-	+	-	X	-	-	X	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	X	X	X	X	X
Rose, Seth	D	72	11%	26%	20%	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rutherford, J. Todd	D	74	14%	20%	25%	-	+	-	X	-	X	-	X	+	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SANDIFER III, WILLIAM	R	2	63%	60%	54%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	X
SIMRILL, J. GARY	R	46	47%	55%	54%	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
SMITH JR., G. MURRELL	R	67	56%	53%	55%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
SMITH, GARRY	R	27	68%	75%	65%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
SMITH, MARVIN	R	99	80%	n/a	80%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Stavrinakis, Leonidas	D	119	7%	n/a	25%	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	+	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-
STRINGER, TOMMY	R	18	n/a†	74%	85%	X	X	X	-	X	+	+	X	X	X	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	X
TAYLOR, BILL	R	86	70%	70%	63%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Tedder, Deon	D	109	11%	n/a	11%	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
THAYER, ANNE	R	9	75%	76%	72%	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	X
Thigpen, Ivory	D	79	19%	20%	24%	-	X	-	-	+	-	+	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
TRANTHAM, ASHLEY	R	28	78%	75%	66%	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Weeks, J. David	D	51	13%	20%	29%	-	X	X	-	X	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WEST, JOHN	R	7	56%	63%	55%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	X	+
Wetmore, Elizabeth	D	115	21%	n/a	21%	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	X
Wheeler III, William	D	50	18%	21%	25%	-	X	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WHITE, W. BRIAN	R	6	76%	75%	56%	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	X	-	+	+
WHITMIRE, WILLIAM	R	1	74%	67%	57%	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Williams, Robert	D	62	18%	24%	24%	-	+	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Williams, Shedron	D	122	13%	24%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	X	X	+	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-
WILLIS, MARK	R	16	53%	74%	63%	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+

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WOOTEN, CHRIS	R	69	74%	50%	56%	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+
YOW, RICHARD	R	53	72%	65%	60%	+	X	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+

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1. **S 1 Protecting Life by Prohibiting Abortion Upon Detection of a Fetal Heartbeat.** This bill protects life by prohibiting an abortion once an unborn child has a detectable heartbeat. The bill provides an exception in cases of a medical emergency, rape, or incest. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 18, 2021 by a vote of 74-39 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **SJR 147 Reopening the Economy Through COVID-19 Liability Protections.** This bill helps protect businesses from frivolous litigation pertaining to COVID-19 exposure. Under the bill, businesses would be protected from civil liability for damages or injuries resulting from exposure to COVID-19 as long as the exposure was not the result of "grossly negligent, reckless, willful or intentional misconduct." ACU supports this critical measure to help allow businesses to reopen by protecting them from frivolous litigation and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 22, 2021 by a vote of 89-18 and the bill was signed into law.
3. **S 463 Extending a Crony Tax Credit that Socializes the Costs of Geothermal Equipment.** This bill expands cronyism by extending a state tax credit for geothermal machinery and equipment. Under the bill, the 25% tax credit for these products is extended through 2032 (previously set to expire in 2022). ACU supports all sources of energy and a tax code that is broadly applied with as low of rates as possible for everyone. ACU opposes this interference in the free marketplace which shifts tax burdens to other individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 5, 2021 by a vote of 103-5 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **S 510 Invoking Government Interference in Private Automobile Dealer and Manufacturer Franchise Agreements.** This bill invokes government interference in the private contracting agreements of automobile dealers and manufacturers in order to provide more favorable outcomes to dealers. Specifically, the bill contains multiple pages of new regulations and price controls relating to warranty and recall reimbursements, dealership facility standards and auditing practices. ACU recognizes the costs of these mandates are ultimately passed onto consumers through higher vehicle prices and weaker warranties. ACU supports the freedom to contract, opposes measures which invoke government interference in private franchise or contract agreements to benefit select parties, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 27, 2021 by a vote of 110-0.
5. **H 3094 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights – Open Carry with Training Act.** This bill strengthens Second Amendment Rights by permitting a holder of a concealed weapon permit to carry a handgun openly. While the bill eliminates the \$50 fee for obtaining a permit, and individual must still be 21 years of age, take eight hours of training and pass a fingerprint-based background check. ACU supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 12, 2021 by a vote of 83-34 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **H 3096 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights – SC Constitutional Carry Act.** This bill would strengthen Second Amendment rights by establishing "constitutional carry" (permitless carry) in South Carolina. As a result, all individuals who are permitted to lawfully own a firearm would be able to carry a concealed firearm in public without having to obtain a special permit. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 69-47 (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
7. **H 3105 Protecting Religious Freedom by Limiting the Government's Ability to Shutdown Religious Services.** This bill helps protect religious liberties by prohibiting a governmental entity from declaring a religious institution or activity to be "nonessential" for purposes relating to public health or safety emergencies. Specifically, the bill ensures that no religious institution can face a greater closure or restriction than any other private entity facing the same or similar health or security conditions. ACU supports First Amendment protections, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports efforts to combat abuse of power by government officials and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 17, 2021 by a vote of 83-22. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)



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8. **H 3126 Banning Government-Imposed COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates.** This bill prohibits the enforcement of any federal, state or local COVID-19 vaccination mandate. ACU 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 bill. The House passed the bill on December 10, 2021 by a vote of 60-25. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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9. **H 3575 Expanding Competition by Authorizing Curbside Sales of Alcoholic Beverages.** This bill would slightly deregulate the alcoholic beverage industry by allowing the South Carolina Department of Revenue to issue permits for the curbside delivery and pickup of beer or wine. Unfortunately, the bill does not also authorize alcoholic beverage deliveries or apply to distilled spirits. ACU supports a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports expanding consumer choice and eliminating unnecessary and anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 11, 2021 by a vote of 99-14. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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10. **H 3620 Providing Unequal Justice Under the Law by Further Enhancing "Hate Crime" Penalties.** This bill provides judges with inappropriate authority to enhance sentences due to the identity of the victim rather than the facts of the crime. Under the bill, an individual convicted of a certain crime may be subject to additional penalties if it is believed the crime was in part committed due to a victim's race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or other certain characteristic. ACU believes in equal rights under the law for all and that it is the duty of government to ensure all laws are applied equally. ACU recognizes that all crimes are disrespectful of individual rights and reflect an animus toward others. ACU opposes providing judges with inappropriate authority to enhance sentences, opposes increasing penalties for crimes committed against select individuals which runs afoul of the whole concept of equal application of justice and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 8, 2021 by a vote of 71-28. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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11. **H 3681 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Prohibiting Local Governments from Imposing Additional Regulations on Tobacco and Nicotine.** This bill would strengthen individual liberties by prohibiting local governments from imposing additional regulations on tobacco and nicotine products. Specifically, localities would be prohibited from enacting future ordinances relating to tobacco, alternative nicotine products, or e-cigarettes such as Juul, including regulations pertaining to ingredients, flavors, or licensing. ACU believes the use of tobacco and nicotine is a personal liberty issue, believes that government regulations on products are only appropriate when their use substantially impacts others and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2021 by a vote of 80-23. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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12. **H 3795 Increasing Taxpayer Costs Through an Unnecessary Sign Language Interpreter Licensing Regime.** This bill unnecessarily drives up taxpayer costs by establishing a licensing regime for all sign language interpreters who work for a state or local government or a hospital. ACU opposes many of the state's occupational licensing regimes which are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2021 by a vote of 78-35. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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13. **H 3956 Driving Up Taxpayer Costs by Unnecessarily Expanding Bureaucracy.** This bill unnecessarily expands government bureaucracy and duplicates federal and private sector initiatives by establishing a "South Carolina Rare Disease Advisory Council." ACU believes the private sector is the best institution to fund and advance this initiative, opposes unnecessarily expanding government bureaucracy and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 21, 2021 by a vote of 63-45. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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14. **H 4100 (Section 8) Fueling Unnecessary Competition with the Private Sector Through Wasteful Spending on Government-Run Television.** This vote approves section 8 of the budget bill. Under the section, funding is provided to the Educational Television Commission 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 passed the section on March 22, 2021 by a vote of 91-22.
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15. **H 4100 (Ott Amd.) Strengthening Oversight of Department of Commerce Grants (Motion to Defeat.)** The Ott (ACUF Lifetime 31%) amendment #36 to the budget bill requires the Department of Commerce to provide a report to the general assembly explaining how recipients of grant funds are meeting the required obligations. ACU supports efforts to increase oversight of grant recipients and believes this measure should apply to all government-funded grants and supported this amendment. The House tabled (defeated) the amendment on March 23, 2021 by a vote of 70-40. (A "NO" vote supported the ACU position.)

 16. **H 4100 (Hill Amd.) Preventing Taxpayer-Subsidized Insurance from Funding Abortion (Motion to Defeat.)** The Hill (ACUF Lifetime 86%) amendment #31 to the budget bill prohibits funds supplied by employers to the State Health Insurance Plan being used to reimburse expenses for abortions or abortion services. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this amendment. The House rejected an effort to table (defeat) the amendment on March 23, 2021 by a vote of 37-74 (A "NO" vote supported the ACU position.)

 17. **H 4100 (Veto 7) Advancing Cronyism Through a Tax Exemption for Food Manufacturing Equipment.** This veto override vote further expands cronyism by establishing a special-interest sales tax exemption for "food equipment." As the governor noted in his veto message, "this exemption joins the hundreds of existing piecemeal tax exemptions that hurt the state's ability to compete for jobs, investment and capital." ACU supports a broadly applied tax code with as low of rates possible for everyone. ACU opposes this distortion of the tax code which benefits select companies and industries while shifting tax burdens to other industries and individuals not favored by government and opposed this motion. The House voted to override the Governor's veto on June 29, 2021 by a vote of 86-25.

 18. **H 4100 (Amd. 14a) Empowering Elected Officials to Expend More Tax Dollars.** This amendment to the budget bill further empowers elected officials to expend taxpayer funds on oftentimes self-serving and wasteful initiatives. Specifically, the amendment allows lawmaker expense account funds to carry-over to the next year. ACU recognizes this amendment is largely in response to some lawmakers who were not able to use the funds to vacation at "educational" conferences throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. ACU opposes waste and abuse of taxpayer funds and opposed this amendment. The House passed the amendment on June 9, 2021 by a vote of 87-26.

 19. **H 4100 (Cobb-Hunter Amd.) Using Funds Intended for COVID-19 Relief for Government Pay Raises (Motion to Defeat.)** The Cobb-Hunter (ACUF Lifetime 19%) amendment 16a to the budget bill uses funds intended for COVID-19 relief to provide \$1,200 bonuses to government employees. ACU opposes this abuse of taxpayer funds and opposed this amendment. The House tabled (defeated) the amendment on June 9, 2021 by a vote of 63-50. (A "YEA" vote supports the ACU position.)

 20. **H 4100 (Jones Amd.) Ending Mask Mandates in K-12 Schools.** The Jones (ACUF Lifetime 90%) amendment (19a) to the budget bill prohibits funds from being utilized by school districts to require any students or employee to wear a face mask on school property. ACU 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 amendment. The House passed the amendment on June 9, 2021 by a vote of 71-37.
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