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LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





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Fellow Mountaineers,

Thank you for your interest in Americans for Prosperity's 2026 West Virginia Legislative Scorecard. This tool is meant to help citizens connect with some of the most important legislation of the year and see clearly how their lawmakers stood on those issues.

This year marks one decade that I've had the pleasure of serving as the West Virginia State Director. In that time, as previous iterations of our scorecard can attest, Americans for Prosperity's staff and activists across the state have made truly incredible strides toward making West Virginia a better place to live, work, and raise a family by partnering with our policy champions to adopt proven policy solutions.

From continuing the march towards zero income tax so hardworking families keep more of what they earn, to ensuring every child has access to the right education for them by expanding the nation's gold standard for educational freedom and much more, we're rapidly changing the fate of the Mountain State for the better. I'm honored to work alongside principled policymakers and grassroots leaders who are unafraid to fight for our shared West Virginia values.

As always, we cannot rest on our laurels. Despite tens of billions of private sector investment now coming to fruition and positive movement in key economic indicators—a direct result of the transformational policy changes our state has boldly adopted—West Virginia still faces some of the worst socioeconomic headwinds in America. To help every West Virginian reach their full potential, we must redouble our efforts to transform the Mountain State by providing our citizens more freedom, opportunity, and prosperity than ever before.

This ceaseless effort represents not only my life's work, but that of countless activists, advocates, and policymakers. I hope that you will join us as we swiftly move West Virginia forward on the pathway to prosperity.

Sincerely,



Jason Huffman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Huffman', written in a cursive style.

West Virginia State Director
Americans for Prosperity

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EXPLAINING THE PROCESS

Every year, AFP-WV releases an updated version of our Pathway to Prosperity Legislative Agenda. The Pathway to Prosperity is a comprehensive policy agenda that is meant to act as a roadmap for policymakers. It embodies the proven policy solutions that will change the state's status quo and help our fellow Mountaineers reach their full potential. Launched in 2018, the policy agenda seeks to elevate and amplify the voices of West Virginians across the state who want to remove the barriers that are holding them back. We believe these issues put us on a path toward reigniting the American Dream in the Mountain State.

We work with legislative leaders to enact the much-needed reforms we outline in the Pathway to Prosperity. When one of these policies is up for a vote in committee or on the floor, we send a Key Vote Alert to every member of the legislature indicating our support for the bill being decided upon. In some instances, we ask lawmakers to vote against legislation that will be detrimental to creating the conditions for a new and stronger West Virginia in which everyone can reach their full potential.

At the same time, we advocate for policies during the session through the use of our Key Vote Alerts and by connecting citizens with their lawmakers on the issues at hand. We monitor how lawmakers vote, and we use our annual scorecard to let folks know how their elected officials voted on some of the most critical issues from each legislative session. This helps to increase government transparency, get citizens engaged in the legislative process, and to inform lawmakers on the issues.

KEY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS: GOVERNMENT REFORM

HB 4025 | EXEMPTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FROM THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Governor Requested Bill

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# 670 | Senate RCS# 527

West Virginia's civil service system makes it too costly and time-consuming to dismiss underperforming employees while preventing agencies from hiring top-tier talent or rewarding high-performing talent. HB 4025 doubles down on creating a government that works better for West Virginia families by phasing out civil service for additional state employees, increasing government efficiency, and giving agencies the flexibility they need to better serve taxpayers.

HB 5441 | REFORMING STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Governor Requested Bill

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# 649 | Senate RCS# 567

HB 5441 doubles down on merit over bureaucratic red tape by significantly reforming the state Division of Personnel--streamlining hiring, promotion, and disciplinary procedures across state government. By giving agency leaders the flexibility to source, retain, and reward top performers while offboarding underperforming employees, the bill ensures West Virginians receive the effective government they deserve.

HB 4001 | CREATING TEAM-WV CORPORATION

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Del Clay Riley

*AFP's Position: **Oppose***

Outcome: Did Not Complete Action

RCS# 279 | Senate RCS# N/A

HB 4001 hands tens of millions in corporate welfare to a government-created nonprofit run by unelected bureaucrats. This group's purpose is to engage in corporate cronyism behind closed doors with little-to-no oversight from taxpayers or lawmakers. Instead of proven policies that create prosperity for everyone, this bill would have picked winners and losers in secret, undermining the transparency West Virginians deserve.



KEY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS: ECONOMIC FREEDOM/TAXES

SB 392 | 2026 PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUT - 5%

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Governor Requested Bill

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# 526 / Senate RCS# 668

The 5% income tax cut that has completed legislative action.

SB 392 delivers meaningful relief to hardworking West Virginia families by cutting income tax by 5%, while advancing the Mountain State's commitment to phasing out the income tax entirely, sending a clear market signal that West Virginia is serious about competing for jobs and citizens.

SB 392 | 2026 PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUT - 10%

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Governor Requested Bill

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# N/A / Senate RCS# 163

RCS #163 – The 10% income tax cut that the Senate approved, but the House did not.

The Senate passed the bolder 10% personal income tax reduction as initially envisioned by Governor Patrick Morrisey to continue West Virginia's commitment to becoming the next zero-income tax state. The larger cut would have returned more dollars to hardworking families' paychecks and sent a stronger signal that the Mountain State is serious about winning the economic competition with surrounding states. Sadly, some members of leadership in the House of Delegates fought against providing any form of tax cut. But, Governor Morrisey, Senate Leadership, and principled lawmakers in the House did not back down from their commitment to provide West Virginia families the tax relief they deserve, resulting in passage of a 5% income tax cut compromise.



KEY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS: ECONOMIC FREEDOM/TAXES

HB 4009 | RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE PORTABLE BENEFIT ACCOUNT ACT

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Del. Jonathan Kyle

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# 701 / Senate RCS# 708

In the last two decades, independent and gig work has grown significantly. But outdated laws precluded these workers from having the access to benefits they deserve. HB 4009 modernized the way we offer benefits to this pool of workers by creating portable benefit accounts that allow independent workers to direct compensation toward important benefits like health insurance, dental, disability, and other coverage without putting their independent status at risk. West Virginia is one of the first 10 states to implement this forward-looking policy.



KEY VOTE DESCRIPTIONS: HEALTH CARE

HB 4610 | SAFEGUARD THE RIGHT-TO-TRY CUTTING-EDGE MEDICINE ACT

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Del. Michael Hornby

*AFP's Position: **Support***

Outcome: Completed Legislative Action

House RCS# 639 | Senate RCS# 485

HB 4610 removes government barriers to potentially life-saving care for seriously ill West Virginians by allowing access to investigational treatments tailored to their unique genetic profiles, in consultation with their doctor, not government bureaucrats. HB 4610 positions West Virginia as a leader in medical innovation and medical freedom, helping drive advancements in personalized medicine.



BILL DESCRIPTIONS: EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM

HB 4574 | SCHOOL FRAUD BAILOUT BILL

Passage Vote

Lead Sponsor: Majority Leader Pat McGeehan

*AFP's Position: **Oppose***

Outcome: Did Not Complete Action

House RCS# 5 / Senate RCS# N/A

HB 4574 would have created a permanent bailout for county school boards that failed their fiduciary responsibilities, without requiring structural reforms necessary to address the root causes of unbalanced budgets, such as administrative bloat and over-hiring relative to enrollment. Nine counties are now operating under punitive action from the State Board based because of their mismanagement, with factors ranging from dangerous schools and poor performance to unbalanced budgets and even a multi-million-dollar criminal kickback scheme. Instead of holding county school boards accountable, this bill would have rewarded fraud, waste, and abuse at the expense of every taxpayer.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

Outcome: Fully Funded

The Hope Scholarship expansion to every school-aged child was fully funded out of General Revenue, securing the nation's gold-standard school choice program for thousands of West Virginia families who depend on it to find the right education for their child's unique needs, cementing the state's status as a national leader in educational freedom.

HOUSE FINANCE ORIGINATING BILL REGARDING THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

Outcome: Defeated

This sweeping attack on the Hope Scholarship by certain members of leadership in the House of Delegates would have eventually shuttered the program by capping families' purchasing power, stripping the Hope Board of much-needed flexibility, and kicking virtually every special needs student out of the program. AFP-WV, and our activists across the state, led the charge to defeat this wrongheaded legislation to protect the tens of thousands of families who rely on West Virginia's landmark school choice program.



SENATE VOTES

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Legislator	Party	District	HB 4009	HB 4025	HB 4574	HB 4610	HB 5441	SB 392 – 10% PIT Cut	SB 392 – 5% PIT Cut
Azinger, Mike	R	3	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Barnhart, Trenton	R	3	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Barrett, Jason	R	16	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Bartlett, Kevan	R	8	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Charnock, Anne	R	17	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Clements, Charles	R	2	✓	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓
Deeds, Vince	R	10	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Fuller, Scott	R	5	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Garcia, Joseph	D	13	✓	✗		✓	✗	✗	✗
Grady, Amy	R	4	✓	✗		✓	✓	✗	✓
Hamilton, Bill	R	11	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓
Hart, Craig	R	6	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓
Helton, Brian	R	9	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Jeffries, Glenn	R	8	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Martin, Patrick	R	12	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Maynard, Mark	R	6	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Maynard, Zachery	R	7	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Morris, Robert	R	11	✓	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓
Oliverio, Mike	R	13	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓
Phillips, Rupie	R	7	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Queen, Ben	R	12	✓	✗		✓	✓	✓	✓
Roberts, Rollan	R	9	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rose, Christopher	R	2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rucker, Patricia	R	16	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Smith, Randy	R	14	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Takubo, Tom	R	17	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Tarr, Eric	R	4	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗	✓
Taylor, Jay	R	14	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Thorne, Darren	R	15	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Wakim Chapman, Laura	R	1	✓	A		✓	✓	A	✓
Weld, Ryan	R	1	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓	✓
Willis, Tom	R	15	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Woelfel, Mike	D	5	✓	✗		✓	✗	✗	✗
Woodrum, Jack	R	10	✓	✓		✓	✓	A	✓

HOUSE VOTES (A-G)

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Adkins, Stanley	R	49	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Akers, James	R	55	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Amos, Michael	R	27	✗	✓	✗	A	✓	✓	✓
Anders, Chris	R	97	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Anderson, Bill	R	10	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Bell, William	R	8	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Bridges, Jordan	R	33	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Brooks, Eric	R	45	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Browning, Ryan	R	28	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Burkhammer, Adam	R	64	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Butler, Jim	R	18	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Campbell, Jeff	R	46	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Cannon, David	R	89	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Cannon, Jarred	R	21	✗	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Canterbury, Ray	R	47	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Chiarelli, Geno	R	78	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Clark, Wayne	R	99	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Clay, Marshall	R	51	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Coop-Gonzalez, Elias	R	67	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Cooper, Roy	R	40	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Criss, Vernon	R	12	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Crouse, Kathie	R	19	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Dean, Mark	R	34	✗	✓	A	✗	✓	✓	✓
Dillon, Henry	R	29	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Dittman, Lori	R	63	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Drennan, Sarah	R	20	A	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Eldridge, Jeff	R	30	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Ellington, Joe	R	38	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Fehrenbacher, Bob	R	11	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Ferrell, Dana	R	60	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Flanigan, Bill	R	4	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Fluharty, Shawn	D	5	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Foggin, Dave	R	14	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	A
Funkhouser, Joe	R	98	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Garcia, Rick	D	76	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Gearheart, Marty	R	37	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Green, David	R	36	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

HOUSE VOTES (H-0)

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Legislator	Party	District	HB 4001	HB 4009	HB 4025	HB 4574	HB 4610	HB 5441	SB 392 - 5% PIT Cut
Hall, Walter	R	58	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Hamilton, Anitra	D	81	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Hansen, Evan	D	79	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Hanshaw, Roger	R	62	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Heckert, Scot	R	13	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Hillenbrand, Rick	R	88	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Hite, Mike	R	92	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Holstein, Josh	R	32	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Hornbuckle, Sean	D	25	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Hornby, Mike	R	93	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Horst, Chuck	R	95	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Hott, John Paul	R	85	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Howell, Gary	R	87	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Howell, Tresa	R	52	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Jeffries, Dean	R	61	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Jennings, Buck	R	84	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Jordan, John	R	42	✗	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Kelly, Betsy	R	9	✗	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Kimble, Laura	R	71	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Kump, Larry	R	94				✗			
Kyle, Jonathan	R	66	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Leavitt, Tristan	R	53	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Lewis, Hollis	D	57	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Linville, Daniel	R	22	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Lucas, Patrick	R	24	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Mallow, Phil	R	75	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Marple, Keith	R	69	✗	A	A	✗	A	A	✓
Martin, Robbie	R	65	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Masters, Ian	R	91	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Maynor, Jordan	R	41	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Mazzocchi, Margitta	R	31	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
McCormick, David	R	82	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
McGeehan, Pat	R	1	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Miller, George	R	90	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Moore, Erica	R	15	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓

HOUSE VOTES (P-Z)

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Parsons, Joe	R	16	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Petitto, Mickey	R	70	A	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	A
Phillips, Chris	R	68	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pinson, Jonathan	R	17	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Pritt, David Elliott	R	50	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Pushkin, Mike	D	54	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Ridenour, Bill	R	100	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Riley, Clay	R	72	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Rohrbach, Matthew	R	26	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Roop, Carl	R	44	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Shamblin, Andy	R	59	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Sheedy, Chuck	R	7	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Smith, Bryan	R	73	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Smith, Doug	R	39	✗	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
Statler, Joe	R	77	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Stephens, Jeffrey	R	6	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Street, George	R	83	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Toney, Chris	R	43	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Vance, Adam	R	35	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Ward, Bryan	R	86	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓
Ward, Guy	R	74	✗	✓	✗		✓	✗	✓
Watt, Gregory	R	48	A	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
White, Lisa	R	96	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Williams, John	D	80	✗	✓	✗	A	✓	✗	✗
Willis, Jimmy	R	3	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Worrell, Evan	R	23	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Young, Kayla	D	56	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗
Zatezalo, Mark	R	2	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

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