

2024 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD





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I hope that you find our 2024 Legislative Key Vote Scorecard valuable towards keeping up with some of the most important policy decisions that state lawmakers made this year.

Not long ago, roll call votes of the state legislature were not recorded nor made available for public consumption. This kept citizens from truly understanding where their lawmakers stood on the issues that matter to them. Thankfully, principled leaders fought for transparency and, as a result, the legislature began recording their votes for citizens to see. It is in that same spirit of government transparency and accountability that we release our scorecard annually.

We are a principles-based policy advocacy organization. And at Americans for Prosperity, our principles are simple: Freedom and

opportunity equals prosperity. We fight for policies that are proven to expand freedom and opportunity for every West Virginian. Our scorecard represents the priority bills we advocated for or opposed in the most recent legislative session.

We urge you to utilize the information within this scorecard to join us in encouraging your state lawmakers to continue to fight for common-sense legislation that will make our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

JASON HUFFMAN

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 2019, 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 towards reigniting the American Dream in the Mountain State.

We work with legislative leaders of both parties 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.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HB 4432 | Relating to midlevel practitioners — Committee Amendment

Lead Sponsor: House Health Committee
AFP's Position: Oppose
Outcome: Failed
House RCS #17 | Senate RCS #N/A
The defeat of this committee amendment ensured that the certified registered nurse anesthetists provisions remained in the bill.

HB 4432 | Relating to midlevel practitioners — Passage

Lead Sponsor: Del. Amy Summers
AFP's Position: Support
Outcome: Passed House
House RCS #19 | Senate RCS #N/A
This bill would have made health care services in the state more reliable, affordable, and accessible by removing outdated and unnecessary government red tape for our hometown health care providers. It would have allowed physician assistants to own a practice and allowed Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice to their full scope of training without in-person physician supervision requirements. West Virginia is one of only 10 states that does not let CRNAs practice to their full scope of training.

HB 4434 | Relating to restriction on use or sale of motor vehicles based on power source — Passage

Lead Sponsor: Del. Gary Howell
AFP's Position: Support
Outcome: Passed House
House RCS #64 | Senate RCS #N/A
This bill would have ensured that no state or local government entity can prevent West Virginians from buying the type of car that they want to purchase. As President Joe Biden continues to try to push through harmful government mandates regulating energy usage as a part of his so-called Green New Deal, it is important that state policymakers send strong signals to Washington that our citizens will not be bullied by needless red tape that limits their freedoms. This bill should have been one of those signals, but did not complete legislative action.

HB 4945 | Relating generally to the Hope Scholarship Program — House Floor Amendment

Lead Sponsor: Del. Sean Hornbuckle
AFP's Position: Oppose
Outcome: Defeated
House RCS #342 | Senate RCS #N/A
This amendment was one of many attacks on the Hope Scholarship Program to come from the radical left to undermine the transformational effect this program has had for West Virginia students and parents. If not soundly defeated, it would have hurt families who are either currently utilizing or eventually plan to participate in the Hope Scholarship because it would have limited the availability of education service providers, taking much needed options away from students and families.



SB 493 | Relating to use of criminal records as disqualification from authorization to practice particular profession — Passage

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Laura Wakim Chapman
AFP's Position: Support
Outcome: Passed Senate
Senate RCS #238 | House RCS #N/A

This bill would have made it easier for individuals with criminal records to pursue professional careers, and move past their past mistakes, by strengthening an existing law that prevents the denial of occupational licenses for certain offenses unrelated to the job's duties.

SB 503 | Protecting belief-based student organizations from certain types of discrimination — Passage

Lead Sponsor: Sen. Amy Grady
AFP's Position: Support
Outcome: Enacted
Senate RCS # 282 | House RCS #663

The bill protects belief-based student organizations by expanding student organizations that are protected against certain types of discrimination by a state institution of higher education and expanding the types of discrimination the student organizations are protected from. The bill allows religious organizations on state campuses to choose leaders who believe in the tenets of their religion, and not be subjected to trolls and hecklers looking to shut the organization down with false claims of “discrimination.”



HOUSE VOTES

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	Adkins, David (R)	Akers, J.B. (R)	Anderson, William (R)	Barnhart, Trenton (R)	Bridges, Jordan (R)	Brooks, Eric (R)	Burkhammer, Adam (R)	Butler, Jim (R)	Campbell, Jeff (R)	Cannon, Jarred (R)	Chiarelli, Eugene (R)	Clark, Thomas (R)	Clark, Wayne (R)	Coop-Gonzalez, Elias (R)	Cooper, Roy (R)
District	30	55	10	9	33	45	64	18	46	21	78	48	99	67	40
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✗	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Criss, Vernon (R)	Crouse, Kathie (R)	Dean, Mark (R)	DeVault, Mike (R)	Dillon, Henry (R)	Dittman, Lori (R)	Ellington, Joe (R)	Espinosa, Paul (R)	Fast, Tom (R)	Fehrenbacher, Bob (R)	Ferrell, Dana (R)	Fluharty, Shawn (D)	Foggin, Dave (R)	Forsht, Don (R)	Foster, Geoff (R)
District	12	19	34	74	29	63	38	98	51	11	60	5	14	91	20
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NA	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✓	NA	✗	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	NA	✓	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

	Garcia, Joey (D)	Gearheart, Marty (R)	Green, David (R)	Griffith, Ric (D)	Hall, Walter (R)	Hamilton, Anitra (D)	Hansen, Evan (D)	Hanshaw, Roger (R)	Hardy, John (R)	Heckert, Scot (R)	Hillenbrand, Rick (R)	Hite, Michael (R)	Holstein, Josh (R)	Hornbuckle, Sean (D)	Hornby, Michael (R)
District	76	37	36	27	58	81	79	62	97	13	88	92	32	25	93
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✗	✓	NA	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✓	✓	NA	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	NA	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓

	Horst, Chuck (R)	Hott, John (R)	Householder, Eric (R)	Howell, Gary (R)	Jeffries, Dean (R)	Jennings, Buck (R)	Kelly, David (R)	Kimble, Laura (R)	Kirby, Todd (R)	Kump, Larry (R)	Lewis, Hollis (D)	Linville, Daniel (R)	Longanacre, Todd (R)	Lucas, Patrick (R)	Mallow, Phil (R)
District	95	85	96	87	61	84	8	71	44	94	57	22	47	24	75
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	NA	✗	✓	NA	✓	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓



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	Marple, Keith (R)	Martin, Carl (R)	Maynor, Jordan (R)	Mazzocchi, Margitta (R)	McGeehan, Pat (R)	Miller, George (R)	Moore, Erica (R)	Nestor, Ty (R)	Petitto, Mickey (R)	Phillips, Chris (R)	Pinson, Jonathan (R)	Pritt, Chris (R)	Pritt, David (R)	Pushkin, Mike (D)	Ridenour, William (R)
District	69	65	41	31	1	90	15	66	70	68	17	53	50	54	100
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✗	✗	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓

	Riley, Clay (R)	Rohrbach, Matthew (R)	Ross, Mark (R)	Rowe, Larry (D)	Shamblin, Andy (R)	Sheedy, Charles (R)	Smith, Doug (R)	Statler, Joe (R)	Steele, Brandon (R)	Stephens, Jeffrey (R)	Street, George (R)	Summers, Amy (R)	Thorne, Darren (R)	Toney, Christopher (R)	Tully, Heather (R)
District	72	26	28	52	59	7	39	77	42	6	83	73	89	43	49
HB 4432 - RCS 17	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4432 - RCS 19	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✓	✓	NA	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	NA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



	Vance, Adam (R)	Ward, Bryan (R)	Warner, Debbie (R)	Westfall, Steve (R)	Williams, John (D)	Willis, Jimmy (R)	Winzenreid, Diana (R)	Worrell, Evan (R)	Young, Kayla (D)	Zatezalo, Mark (R)
District	35	86	82	16	80	3	4	23	56	2
HB 4432 - RCS 17	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
HB 4432 - RCS 19	NA	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
HB 4434 - RCS 64	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	NA	✓	✓	✗	✓
HB 4945 - RCS 342	✗	✓	✓	NA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
SB 503 - RCS 663	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓



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	Azinger, Mike (R)	Barrett, Jason (R)	Blair, Craig (R)	Boley, Donna (R)	Caputo, Mike (D)	Clements, Charles (R)	Deeds, Vince (R)	Grady, Amy (R)	Hamilton, Bill (R)	Hunt, Mark (R)	Jeffries, Glenn (R)	Karnes, Robert (R)	Maroney, Mike (R)	Martin, Patrick (R)	Maynard, Mark (R)	Nelson, Eric (R)	Oliverio, Mike (R)	Phillips, Rupie (R)
District	3	16	15	3	13	2	10	4	11	8	8	11	2	12	6	17	13	7
SB 493 - RCS 238	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SB 503 - RCS 282	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA

	Plymale, Robert (D)	Queen, Ben (R)	Roberts, Rollan (R)	Rucker, Patricia (R)	Smith, Randy (R)	Stover, David (R)	Stuart, Mike (R)	Swope, Chandler (R)	Takubo, Tom (R)	Tarr, Eric (R)	Taylor, Jay (R)	Trump, Charles (R)	Wakim Chapman, Laura (R)	Weld, Ryan (R)	Woelfel, Mike (D)	Woodrum, Jack (R)
District	5	12	9	16	14	9	7	6	17	4	14	15	1	1	5	10
SB 493 - RCS 238	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓
SB 503 - RCS 282	✓	✓	✓	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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