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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



MATT SCHLAPP
CHAIRMAN, CPAC

The CPAC Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our Ratings of the States. Like our Ratings of Congress, CPAC's 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.

Sincerely,

Matt Schlapp
Chairman, CPAC

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The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the CPAC Foundation, 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 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.

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.

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.

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Rick Beck

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David Ray

Jim Dotson

Richard Womack

Justin Gonzales



Senate

Justin Boyd
 Joshua Bryant
 Steve Crowell
 Tyler Dees
 Scott Flippo
 Ben Gilmore
 Kim Hammer
 Bart Hester
 Ricky Hill
 Blake Johnson

Mark Johnson
 Bryan King
 Matt McKee
 John Payton
 Clint Penzo
 Jim Petty
 Terry Rice
 Matt Stone
 Gary Stubblefield
 Dan Sullivan

House

Brandon Achor
 Wade Andrews
 Sonia Barker
 Howard Beaty, Jr.
 Mary Bentley
 Harlan Breaux
 Karilyn Brown
 Matthew Brown
 John Carr
 Cameron Cooper
 Bruce Cozart
 Cindy Crawford
 Hope Hendren Duke
 Brian Evans
 Charlene Fite
 Tony Furman
 Jimmy Gazaway
 Delia Haak

RJ Hawk
 DeAnna Hodges
 Grant Hodges
 Steve Hollowell
 Lane Jean
 Lee Johnson
 Jack Ladyman
 Wayne Long
 Robin Lundstrum
 Roger Lynch
 John Maddox
 Julie Mayberry
 Mindy McAlindon
 Rick McClure
 Mark McElroy
 Richard McGrew
 Brit McKenzie
 Ron McNair

Jon Milligan
 Jeremiah Moore
 Kendra Moore
 Stetson Painter
 Shad Pearce
 Aaron Pilkington
 Chad Puryear
 Marcus Richmond
 Ryan Rose
 Johnny Rye
 Scott Richardson
 Bart Schulz
 Dwight Tosh
 Kendon Underwood
 Steven Unger
 Steven Walker
 Danny Watson
 Carlton Wing



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ARKANSAS SENATE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
71%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

82%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

5%



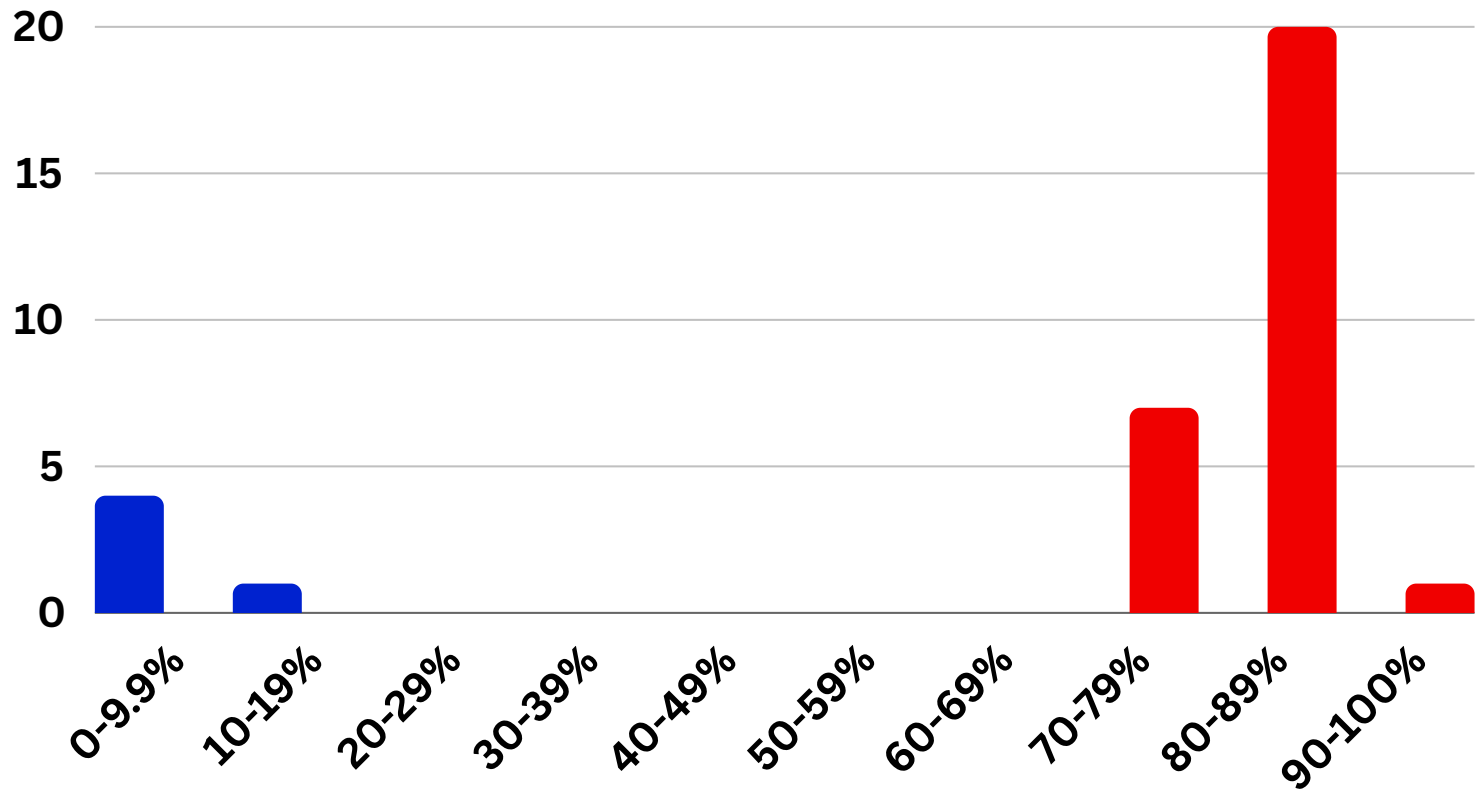
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
JIMMY HICKEY
71%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
REGINALD MURDOCK
14%



■ Democrat (6 Members) ■ Republican (29 Members)





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ARKANSAS HOUSE STATISTICS

OVERALL AVERAGE
73%

REPUBLICAN AVERAGE

84%



DEMOCRAT AVERAGE

13%



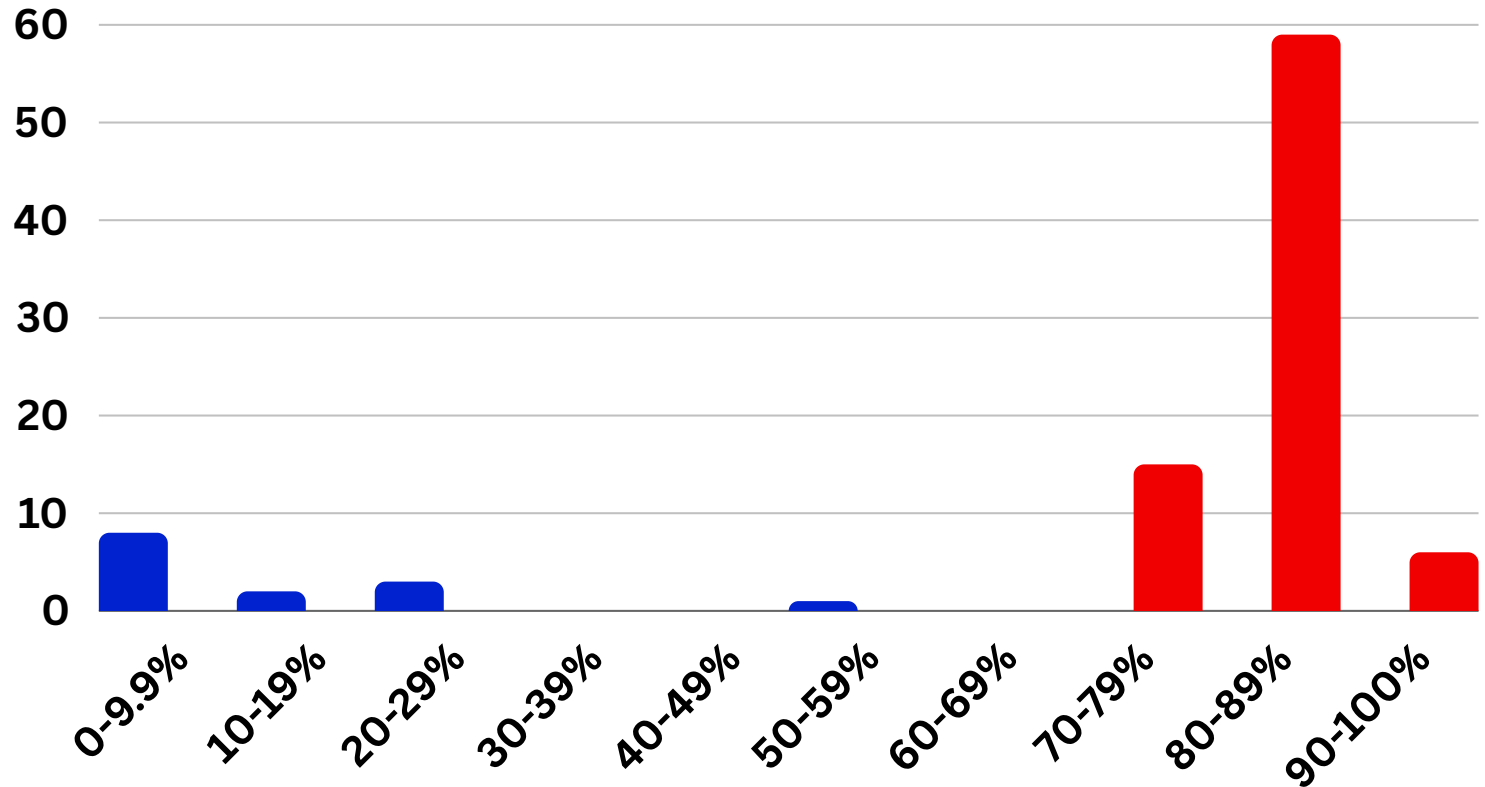
LOWEST REPUBLICAN
JIM WOOTEN
73%



HIGHEST DEMOCRAT
MARK PERRY
50%



■ Democrat (18 Members) ■ Republican (82 Members)





ARKANSAS SENATE SCORES

	Party	2023 %	2021 %	Life time%	HB 1002 (SS)	HB 1026	HB 1057	HB 1156	HB 1196	HB 1197	HB 1307	HB 1411	HB 1468	HB 1559	HB 1575	HB 1592	HB 1654	HB 1710	HB 1737	SB 8 (SS)	SB 62	SB 71	SB 138	SB 199	SB 258	SB 294	SB 295	SB 473	SB 480	SB 556
Justin Boyd	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Joshua Bryant	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ronald Caldwell	R	N/A	77%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	X
Linda Chesterfield	D	5%	23%	24%	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alan Clark	R	75%	81%	79%	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Steve Crowell	R	83%	N/A	83%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Breanne Davis	R	78%	79%	80%	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Tyler Dees	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jonathan Dismang	R	76%	74%	72%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jim Dotson	R	96%	N/A	96%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jane English	R	71%	81%	75%	+	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Scott Flippo	R	88%	80%	83%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Stephanie Flowers	D	N/A	N/A	24%	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ben Gilmore	R	85%	78%	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kim Hammer	R	83%	71%	78%	+	+	-	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bart Hester	R	85%	79%	83%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jimmy Hickey	R	71%	67%	72%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Ricky Hill	R	84%	79%	83%	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Missy Irvin	R	75%	80%	76%	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Blake Johnson	R	84%	77%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mark Johnson	R	80%	80%	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bryan King	R	84%	N/A	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	X	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	X
Greg Leding	D	4%	38%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fredrick Love	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Matt McKee	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Reginald Murdock	D	14%	N/A	14%	-	-	-	-	X	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
John Payton	R	84%	N/A	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Clint Penzo	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jim Petty	R	84%	N/A	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Terry Rice	R	84%	79%	82%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Matt Stone	R	81%	N/A	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Gary Stubblefield	R	85%	79%	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dan Sullivan	R	85%	83%	82%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Clarke Tucker	D	4%	30%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
David Wallace	R	76%	85%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+

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HB 1002 (SS) Saying No to COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates.

This bill prohibits the government from mandating that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccination through coercive measures or any other similar tactic. CPAC supports efforts to make the decision to receive vaccinations as voluntary as possible and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on September 14, 2023 by a vote of 27-4 and the bill later became law.

HB 1026 Reducing the Tax Burden on the Residents of Arkansas.

This bill strikes out provisions that authorized certain local governments to impose income taxes on residents living within their jurisdiction. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to relieve citizens of their tax burden, supports efforts to reduce the power of localities to levy taxes, and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on February 9, 2023 by a vote of 27-6 and the bill later became law.

HB 1057 Subsidizing Agricultural R&D.

This bill is one of a series of bills subsidizing the Research and Promotion Boards for different crops. In this particular bill, the legislature awards \$7,000,000 to the Rice Board for its development, research, and operational expenses. CPAC does not believe that taxpayer funds should be used to promote one crop over another and opposed this bill. The Senate passed this bill on January 19, 2023 by a vote of 32-2 and the bill later became law.

HB 1156 Protecting Student Privacy in Intimate Spaces.

This bill requires schools to designate bathrooms and locker rooms as being exclusively for the male or female sex. It then prohibits schools from allowing members of a particular sex to enter a bathroom or locker room designated as being for the other sex. CPAC supports efforts to protect the privacy of students in these facilities and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 13, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

HB 1196 Enhancing Work Requirements for Public Housing Benefits.

This bill requires able-bodied adults to work at least 20 hours per week, participate in a work program 20 hours a week, or volunteer at least 20 hours a week in order to continue to receive public housing benefits. CPAC believes that able-bodied adults should be expected to comply with reasonable work requirements in order to qualify for public housing assistance and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 20, 2023 by a vote of 28-5 and the bill later became law.

HB 1197 Diminishing Opportunities to Commit Fraud Against the Unemployment Insurance System.

This bill disqualifies people from receiving unemployment insurance benefits if they don't show up to employment interviews or respond to offers of employment. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment insurance remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 33-0 and the bill later became law.



HB 1307 Divesting Arkansas from ESG-Obsessed Companies.

This bill requires the Treasurer of State to remove all of Arkansas' holdings from financial services providers that discriminate against energy companies or firearm entities. CPAC does not believe that the state should invest its funds in entities that utilize ESG-based decision-making processes and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 13, 2023 by a vote of 23-9 and the bill later became law.

HB 1411 Increasing Absentee Ballot Security.

This bill states that only blank absentee ballot applications may be delivered to potential electors. It also requires that those who assist others in filling out their absentee ballot application also provide their own name, address, and signature on the application. CPAC supports efforts to strengthen election security and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 16, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

HB 1468 Preventing Schools from Derailing the Lives of Children.

This bill prohibits schools from referring to a student using pronouns that are not their original pronouns without first receiving the consent of the student's parents to do so. CPAC supports parental rights in education and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 20-5 and the bill later became law.

HB 1559 No Forced Implicit Bias Training.

This bill prohibits schools from requiring that their employees complete a course in implicit bias training. It also prohibits schools from taking adverse action against people who refuse to take such courses. CPAC opposes does not believes that public employees should be subjected to radical CRT-adjacent trainings and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 29-2 and the bill later became law.

HB 1575 Instituting Work Search Requirements for Unemployment Compensation.

This bill requires individuals to conduct at least 5 work search requirements per week in order to remain eligible to receive unemployment compensation. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment compensation remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 27-5 and the bill later became law.



HB 1592 Expanding Motion Picture Subsidies in Arkansas.

This bill raises from 20% to 25% the total tax incentive amount awarded to movie producers for production costs incurred within Arkansas. It then allows for an additional 5% to be added to this total if certain hiring requirements are met. CPAC opposes efforts to enrich woke Hollywood producers and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 32-0 and the bill later became law.

HB 1654 Subsidizing Data Centers in Arkansas.

This bill exempts certain costs that may be incurred by data centers from the sales and use tax. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular industries and businesses and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 32-0 and the bill later became law.

HB 1710 Creating Another Program Designed to Hand Out Taxpayer Funds to Favored Projects.

This bill establishes the Rural Economic Development Initiative, the likes of which will dole out taxpayer funds to favored developments in rural areas. CPAC opposes programs like this and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 30-1 and the bill later became law.

HB 1737 Enhancing Second Amendment Rights.

This bill protects property owners from civil liability for any damage or harm that may occur as a result of the actions of a nonemployee in possession of a gun on their property. CPAC supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment, supports measures that enhance those rights, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 28-3 and the bill later became law.

SB 8 (SS) Substantial Tax Relief for the Residents of Arkansas.

This bill cuts the top individual income tax rate from 4.7% to 4.4% and the top corporate income tax rate from 5.1% to 4.8%. CPAC supports appropriate and broad tax relief and supported this bill. The Senate passed this bill on September 12, 2023 by a vote of 27-3 and the bill later became law.

SB 62 Prohibiting Arkansas from Contracting with ESG-Obsessed Companies.

This bill prohibits Arkansas from forming government contracts with companies that boycott energy and firearms industry members. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the influence of ESG rankings and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 28-5 and the bill later became law.



SB 71 Striking Affirmative Action from Public Law.

This bill takes a number of steps to cut out affirmative action and DEI-related efforts from public law. For example, it reorients the “Equity Assistance Center,” renaming it the “Equality Assistance Center” and shifting its goals such that it is now supposed to help schools with nondiscrimination efforts instead of affirmative action initiatives. It also strikes a number of provisions that forced the Department of Education to devise plans to increase the number of minority teachers in the state. CPAC opposes the racism perpetuated by affirmative action and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 9, 2023 by a vote of 18-12 but the bill was defeated in the House.

SB 138 No Licenses for Abortion Clinics in Arkansas.

This bill removes a provision from law that gave the Department of Health the power to license abortion clinics. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to prevent its practice, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

SB 199 Restricting Some Gender Transition Procedures for Minors.

This bill makes the act of performing gender transition procedures on minors equivalent to medical malpractice in certain circumstances. This means that, if certain conditions are met, these gender transition procedures may cause the practitioner to incur civil liability for their actions. CPAC opposes the mutilation of minors and supported this bill as a small step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on February 21, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

SB 258 Banning Ballot Drop Boxes.

This bill prohibits county election officials from using ballot “drop boxes” as a means of collecting absentee ballots. CPAC opposes measures that reduce election security, recognizes that ballot drop boxes reduce election security, and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 15, 2023 by a vote of 29-6 and the bill later became law.

SB 294 Universal School Choice in Arkansas.

This bill works to make universal school choice a reality by the 2025 school year. It provides, for example, vouchers to parents through Education Freedom Accounts such that they may help their child attend the school that best suits their needs. The bill also makes it easier to fire teachers who perform their duties poorly. CPAC has long advocated for universal school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2023 by a vote of 26-8 and the bill later became law.



SB 295 Reforming Net Metering in Arkansas.

This bill modifies the net metering program by only requiring utilities companies to pay the wholesale rate to solar energy producers instead of the retail rate. Net metering was, under Arkansas law before this bill, the practice whereby electric companies were forced to buy unused solar power from producers of renewable energy at the retail rate of energy (the cost consumers pay to purchase energy) instead of the wholesale rate (how much it actually costs to create the energy). These companies then passed the difference in cost between these two rates onto ratepayers. CPAC supported this bill as a means of reforming this burdensome system. The Senate passed the bill on March 7, 2023 by a vote of 24-9 and the bill later became law.

SB 473 Enhancing Paycheck Protection Efforts in Arkansas.

This bill prohibits public school districts from automatically deducting union dues from paychecks. CPAC does not believe that the government should be working in any direct capacity on behalf of unions and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 26-7 and the bill later became law.

SB 480 Reciprocity for Concealed Handgun Licenses.

This bill clarifies that, in Arkansas, a license is not needed in order for one to be permitted to carry a concealed weapon. It states that the purpose of one of its licensing laws is to help give reciprocity to licensees in states that require licenses. CPAC supports strengthening Second Amendment rights and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 3, 2023 by a vote of 28-6 and the bill later became law.

SB 556 Preserving Religious Expression on Arkansas' Campuses.

This bill requires school officials to treat a student's religious expression in the same way that they treat secular expressions. It further states that they may not discriminate against a student's voluntary expression. CPAC supports the preservation of First Amendment freedoms and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 25-5 and the bill later became law.



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Wade Andrews	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Sonia Barker	R	87%	83%	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	x
Howard Beaty, Jr.	R	83%	81%	82%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	-	x	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Rick Beck	R	91%	83%	77%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	
Mary Bentley	R	88%	80%	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x
Mark Berry	R	77%	83%	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Stan Berry	R	75%	68%	77%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Harlan Breaux	R	88%	81%	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Keith Brooks	R	79%	79%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	
Karilyn Brown	R	88%	84%	78%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Matthew Brown	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Rebecca Burkes	R	92%	N/A	92%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Joey Carr	R	73%	N/A	73%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	
John Carr	R	88%	85%	87%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Frances Cavanaugh	R	77%	85%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Nicole Clowney	D	4%	28%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Andrew Collins	D	19%	27%	31%	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cameron Cooper	R	84%	81%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
Bruce Cozart	R	82%	80%	79%	+	x	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	x
Cindy Crawford	R	86%	83%	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	-	x	-	+	+	x	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+
Carol Dalby	R	74%	76%	71%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	-	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	-	
Matt Duffield	R	75%	N/A	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	x
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Denise Ennett	D	0%	20%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jon Eubanks	R	79%	86%	77%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Brian Evans	R	83%	81%	76%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Deborah Ferguson	D	17%	N/A	42%	-	X	-	X	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	+	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	
Kenneth Ferguson	D	N/A	N/A	0%	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	+	X	-	-	-	+	X	X	-	
Charlene Fite	R	81%	76%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
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Vivian Flowers	D	0%	28%	30%	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Jack Fortner	R	79%	74%	73%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Tony Furman	R	88%	79%	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Denise Garner	D	8%	33%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jimmy Gazaway	R	84%	77%	72%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Justin Gonzales	R	91%	83%	86%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Zack Gramlich	R	79%	N/A	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	
Delia Haak	R	84%	85%	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
RJ Hawk	R	86%	N/A	86%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
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Grant Hodges	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Mike Holcomb	R	77%	82%	69%	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X
Steve Hollowell	R	84%	79%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Ashley Hudson	D	19%	26%	23%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lane Jean	R	80%	82%	83%	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	X	-	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-
Lee Johnson	R	83%	81%	76%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
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Robin Lundstrum	R	88%	80%	82%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Roger Lynch	R	81%	81%	76%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
John Maddox	R	83%	78%	76%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X
Stephen Magie	D	14%	32%	34%	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	
Julie Mayberry	R	88%	68%	74%	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
Mindy McAlindon	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rick McClure	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Austin McCollum	R	92%	94%	92%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tippi McCullough	D	4%	27%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mark McElroy	R	84%	71%	40%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Richard McGrew	R	84%	80%	82%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brit McKenzie	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
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Stephen Meeks	R	78%	82%	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+
Josh Miller	R	N/A	74%	84%	X	X	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X	X	+	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	X
Jon Milligan	R	88%	79%	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jeremiah Moore	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kendra Moore	R	81%	N/A	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	X
Milton Nicks, Jr.	D	N/A	N/A	43%	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	X	X	-	
Stetson Painter	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Shad Pearce	R	81%	N/A	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Mark Perry	D	47%	40%	43%	+	+	-	X	-	X	X	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	X	-	+	+	X	-	
Aaron Pilkington	R	84%	88%	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chad Puryear	R	88%	N/A	88%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X

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David Ray	R	92%	86%	89%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Jay Richardson	D	N/A	28%	40%	-	x	-	x	-	x	x	+	-	x	-	-	x	-	x	x	x	x	-	x	-	-	-	+	x	x	-
Marcus Richmond	R	83%	82%	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	x	
Ryan Rose	R	84%	N/A	84%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Johnny Rye	R	81%	81%	77%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Bart Shulz	R	80%	N/A	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	x	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Jamie Scott	D	0%	32%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scott Richardson	R	81%	N/A	81%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	
Tara Shephard	D	0%	N/A	0%	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	x	
Matthew Shepherd	R	N/A	N/A	70%	+	x	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	x	x	x	+	x	x	x	
Joy Springer	D	0%	24%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	
Trey Steimel	R	73%	N/A	73%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	
Dwight Tosh	R	84%	77%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	x	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Kendon Underwood	R	88%	84%	86%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Steven Unger	R	85%	N/A	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
DeAnn Vaught	R	73%	72%	74%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+
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Les Warren	R	75%	78%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	x	+	+	-	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Danny Watson	R	80%	79%	75%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
David Whitaker	D	0%	26%	20%	-	x	-	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carlton Wing	R	88%	78%	79%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	x	+	+	+	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Richard Womack	R	92%	85%	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	x	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Jeremy Wooldridge	R	77%	N/A	77%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
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HB 1002 (SS) Saying No to COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates.

This bill prohibits the government from mandating that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccination through coercive measures or any other similar tactic. CPAC supports efforts to make the decision to receive vaccinations as voluntary as possible and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on September 13, 2023 by a vote of 83-14 and the bill later became law.

HB 1026 Reducing the Tax Burden on the Residents of Arkansas.

This bill strikes out provisions that authorized certain local governments to impose income taxes on residents living within their jurisdiction. CPAC supports appropriate efforts to relieve citizens of their tax burden, supports efforts to reduce the power of localities to levy taxes, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 31, 2023 by a vote of 79-10 and the bill later became law.

HB 1057 Subsidizing Agricultural R&D.

This bill is one of a series of bills subsidizing the Research and Promotion Boards for different crops. In this particular bill, the legislature awards \$7,000,000 to the Rice Board for its development, research, and operational expenses. CPAC does not believe that taxpayer funds should be used to promote one crop over another and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on January 18, 2023 by a vote of 95-1 and the bill later became law.

HB 1156 Protecting Student Privacy in Intimate Spaces.

This bill requires schools to designate bathrooms and locker rooms as being exclusively for the male or female sex. It then prohibits schools from allowing members of a particular sex to enter a bathroom or locker room designated as being for the other sex. CPAC supports efforts to protect the privacy of students in these facilities and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 2, 2023 by a vote of 80-10 and the bill later became law.

HB 1196 Enhancing Work Requirements for Public Housing Benefits.

This bill requires able-bodied adults to work at least 20 hours per week, participate in a work program 20 hours a week, or volunteer at least 20 hours a week in order to continue to receive public housing benefits. CPAC believes that able-bodied adults should be expected to comply with reasonable work requirements in order to qualify for public housing assistance and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 23, 2023 by a vote of 80-15 and the bill later became law.

HB 1197 Diminishing Opportunities to Commit Fraud Against the Unemployment Insurance System.

This bill disqualifies people from receiving unemployment insurance benefits if they don't show up to employment interviews or respond to offers of employment. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment insurance remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 8, 2023 by a vote of 84-10 and the bill later became law.



HB 1307 Divesting Arkansas from ESG-Obsessed Companies.

This bill requires the Treasurer of State to remove all of Arkansas' holdings from financial services providers that discriminate against energy companies or firearm entities. CPAC does not believe that the state should invest its funds in entities that utilize ESG-based decision-making processes and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 16, 2023 by a vote of 79-12 and the bill later became law.

HB 1411 Increasing Absentee Ballot Security.

This bill states that only blank absentee ballot applications may be delivered to potential electors. It also requires that those who assist others in filling out their absentee ballot application also provide their own name, address, and signature on the application. CPAC supports efforts to strengthen election security and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 6, 2023 by a vote of 85-11 and the bill later became law.

HB 1468 Preventing Schools from Derailing the Lives of Children.

This bill prohibits schools from referring to a student using pronouns that are not their original pronouns without first receiving the consent of the student's parents to do so. CPAC supports parental rights in education and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 27, 2023 by a vote of 65-18 and the bill later became law.

HB 1559 No Forced Implicit Bias Training.

This bill prohibits schools from requiring that their employees complete a course in implicit bias training. It also prohibits schools from taking adverse action against people who refuse to take such courses. CPAC opposes does not believes that public employees should be subjected to radical CRT-adjacent trainings and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 27, 2023 by a vote of 81-11 and the bill later became law.

HB 1575 Instituting Work Search Requirements for Unemployment Compensation.

This bill requires individuals to conduct at least 5 work search requirements per week in order to remain eligible to receive unemployment compensation. CPAC supports efforts to ensure that unemployment compensation remains a temporary bridge between jobs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 15, 2023 by a vote of 74-17 and the bill later became law.



HB 1592 Expanding Motion Picture Subsidies in Arkansas.

This bill raises from 20% to 25% the total tax incentive amount awarded to movie producers for production costs incurred within Arkansas. It then allows for an additional 5% to be added to this total if certain hiring requirements are met. CPAC opposes efforts to enrich woke Hollywood producers and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 27, 2023 by a vote of 69-13 and the bill later became law.

HB 1654 Subsidizing Data Centers in Arkansas.

This bill exempts certain costs that may be incurred by data centers from the sales and use tax. CPAC opposes government favoritism toward particular industries and businesses and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 78-6 and the bill later became law.

HB 1710 Creating Another Program Designed to Hand Out Taxpayer Funds to Favored Projects.

This bill establishes the Rural Economic Development Initiative, the likes of which will dole out taxpayer funds to favored developments in rural areas. CPAC opposes programs like this and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 30, 2023 by a vote of 85-2 and the bill later became law.

HB 1737 Enhancing Second Amendment Rights.

This bill protects property owners from civil liability for any damage or harm that may occur as a result of the actions of a nonemployee in possession of a gun on their property. CPAC supports the founder's belief in the Second Amendment, supports measures that enhance those rights, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 4, 2023 by a vote of 74-13 and the bill later became law.

SB 8 (SS) Substantial Tax Relief for the Residents of Arkansas.

This bill cuts the top individual income tax rate from 4.7% to 4.4% and the top corporate income tax rate from 5.1% to 4.8%. CPAC supports appropriate and broad tax relief and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on September 14, 2023 by a vote of 84-10 and the bill later became law.

SB 62 Prohibiting Arkansas from Contracting with ESG-Obsessed Companies.

This bill prohibits Arkansas from forming government contracts with companies that boycott energy and firearms industry members. CPAC supports efforts to reduce the influence of ESG rankings and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 82-11 and the bill later became law.



SB 71 Striking Affirmative Action from Public Law.

This bill takes a number of steps to cut out affirmative action and DEI-related efforts from public law. For example, it reorients the “Equity Assistance Center,” renaming it the “Equality Assistance Center” and shifting its goals such that it is now supposed to help schools with nondiscrimination efforts instead of affirmative action initiatives. It also strikes a number of provisions that forced the Department of Education to devise plans to increase the number of minority teachers in the state. CPAC opposes the racism perpetuated by affirmative action and supported this bill. The House defeated the bill on April 5, 2023 by a vote of 27-51.

SB 138 No Licenses for Abortion Clinics in Arkansas.

This bill removes a provision from law that gave the Department of Health the power to license abortion clinics. CPAC believes abortion is always a human tragedy, supports efforts to prevent its practice, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on February 15, 2023 by a vote of 85-8 and the bill later became law.

SB 199 Restricting Some Gender Transition Procedures for Minors.

This bill makes the act of performing gender transition procedures on minors equivalent to medical malpractice in certain circumstances. This means that, if certain conditions are met, these gender transition procedures may cause the practitioner to incur civil liability for their actions. CPAC opposes the mutilation of minors and supported this bill as a small step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on March 8, 2023 by a vote of 76-17 and the bill later became law.

SB 258 Banning Ballot Drop Boxes.

This bill prohibits county election officials from using ballot “drop boxes” as a means of collecting absentee ballots. CPAC opposes measures that reduce election security, recognizes that ballot drop boxes reduce election security, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 13, 2023 by a vote of 80-16 and the bill later became law.

SB 294 Universal School Choice in Arkansas.

This bill works to make universal school choice a reality by the 2025 school year. It provides, for example, vouchers to parents through Education Freedom Accounts such that they may help their child attend the school that best suits their needs. The bill also makes it easier to fire teachers who perform their duties poorly. CPAC has long advocated for universal school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 2, 2023 by a vote of 78-21 and the bill later became law.



SB 295 Reforming Net Metering in Arkansas.

This bill modifies the net metering program by only requiring utilities companies to pay the wholesale rate to solar energy producers instead of the retail rate. Net metering was, under Arkansas law before this bill, the practice whereby electric companies were forced to buy unused solar power from producers of renewable energy at the retail rate of energy (the cost consumers pay to purchase energy) instead of the wholesale rate (how much it actually costs to create the energy). These companies then passed the difference in cost between these two rates onto ratepayers. CPAC supported this bill as a means of reforming this burdensome system. The House passed the bill on March 9, 2023 by a vote of 73-14 and the bill later became law.

SB 473 Enhancing Paycheck Protection Efforts in Arkansas.

This bill prohibits public school districts from automatically deducting union dues from paychecks. CPAC does not believe that the government should be working in any direct capacity on behalf of unions and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 70-17 and the bill later became law.

SB 480 Reciprocity for Concealed Handgun Licenses.

This bill clarifies that, in Arkansas, a license is not needed in order for one to be permitted to carry a concealed weapon. It states that the purpose of one of its licensing laws is to help give reciprocity to licensees in states that require licenses. CPAC supports strengthening Second Amendment rights and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 6, 2023 by a vote of 81-11 and the bill later became law.

SB 556 Preserving Religious Expression on Arkansas' Campuses.

This bill requires school officials to treat a student's religious expression in the same way that they treat secular expressions. It further states that they may not discriminate against a student's voluntary expression. CPAC supports the preservation of First Amendment freedoms and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 7, 2023 by a vote of 53-28 and the bill later became law.