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2019

# Arkansas State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Arkansas's General Assembly are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. It is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

# Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION  
EDUCATES THE  
PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-  
GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION  
CONDUCTS  
COMPREHENSIVE  
EXAMINATIONS OF  
VOTING RECORDS.

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GOAL IS TO INFORM  
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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Arkansas's elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

**The Foundation examined legislative votes related to the Foundation's immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:**

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examined votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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## 2019 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN ARKANSAS

The Foundation’s study examined over 2,500 floor votes and, in the end, included 16 Arkansas House votes and 17 Arkansas Senate votes.

### COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). “Not Voting” and “Present” votes are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – **though the Foundation will score them as incorrect votes starting in the 2020 legislative session.** If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was

ranked. Lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #98 in the House and #35 in the Senate. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2019 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

### ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Arkansas House and Arkansas Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH  
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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# Arkansas Senate Snapshot

26 Republicans

9 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 38%

Average Democrat Score: 19%



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Trent Garner (SD-27) | 69%



### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Mathew Pitsch (SD-08) | 21%



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Bruce Maloch (SD-12) | 35%



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Will Bond (SD-32) | 8%

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<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	
<b>POINTS</b>					3	4	2	5	3	8	7	2	6	11	10	10	4	5	6	7	7	
Ballinger, Bob	SD-05	R	63%	63%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	-	-	11	10	10	4	5	6	-	-	2
Bledsoe, Cecile	SD-03	R	24%	24%	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	25
Bond, Will	SD-32	D	8%	8%	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35
Caldwell, Ronald	SD-23	R	29%	29%	3	4	2	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	X	6	-	-	19
Cheatham, Eddie	SD-26	D	30%	30%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	X	7	17
Chesterfield, Linda	SD-30	D	16%	16%	X	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	7	-	30
Clark, Alan	SD-13	R	43%	43%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	10	X	5	6	-	-	10
Cooper, John	SD-21	R	22%	22%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	-	27
Davis, Breanne	SD-16	R	37%	37%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	10	-	-	6	-	-	13
Dismang, Jonathan	SD-28	R	51%	51%	-	4	2	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	10	10	X	5	6	-	7	5
Eads, Lance	SD-07	R	26%	26%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	23
Elliott, Joyce	SD-31	D	15%	15%	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	31
English, Jane	SD-34	R	37%	37%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	X	-	5	6	-	X	13
Flippo, Scott	SD-17	R	53%	53%	3	4	2	-	X	8	-	2	-	11	10	-	-	5	6	-	-	4
Flowers, Stephanie	SD-25	D	15%	15%	-	X	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	7	X	31
Garner, Trent	SD-27	R	69%	69%	3	4	2	-	3	8	X	2	-	11	10	10	-	5	6	-	-	1
Hammer, Kim	SD-33	R	49%	49%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	11	10	10	-	X	6	-	-	6
Hendren, Jim	SD-02	R	29%	29%	X	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	7	19
Hester, Bart	SD-01	R	58%	58%	3	4	2	-	3	8	-	2	-	11	10	10	-	5	-	-	-	3

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Hickey, Jimmy	SD-11	R	40%	40%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	5	6	-	-	11
Hill, Ricky	SD-29	R	49%	49%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	10	10	-	5	6	-	-	6
Ingram, Keith	SD-24	D	11%	11%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Irvin, Missy	SD-18	R	45%	45%	-	4	2	-	X	-	-	-	-	11	10	X	-	5	-	-	7	9
Johnson, Blake	SD-20	R	29%	29%	3	4	2	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	X	19
Johnson, Mark	SD-15	R	32%	32%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	5	6	-	-	16
Leding, Greg	SD-04	D	12%	12%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Maloch, Bruce	SD-12	D	35%	35%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	7	15
Pitsch, Mathew	SD-08	R	21%	21%	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	29
Rapert, Jason	SD-35	R	26%	26%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	23
Rice, Terry	SD-09	R	39%	39%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	5	6	-	-	12
Sample, Bill	SD-14	R	27%	27%	-	4	2	-	-	X	-	2	-	X	X	-	-	5	6	-	-	22
Stubblefield, Gary	SD-06	R	46%	46%	3	4	2	-	-	8	-	X	-	11	10	-	X	5	-	-	-	8
Sturch, James	SD-19	R	22%	22%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	27
Teague, Larry	SD-10	D	30%	30%	3	4	X	-	X	8	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	X	17
Wallace, David	SD-22	R	24%	24%	3	4	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	-	25



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## HB 1251

### REDUCING GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN OPTOMETRY

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill would narrowly broaden the practice of optometry, thus expanding healthcare freedom, by allowing an optometrist to give injections, perform some laser surgeries, and remove lumps and bumps. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 70-19, on March 6, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on March 20, 2019.

## HB 1255

### REDUCING RED TAPE IN PERMITTING PROCESS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

Existing law requires licensing agencies to adopt reduced requirements for reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification for people who are in good standing. This commonsense legislation makes that standard also apply to permits issued by a licensing agency. The

Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on April 8, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 95-0, on April 10, 2019.

## HB 1343

### MORE TRANSPARENCY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires a county's annual financial statement to be published on a website owned or maintained by the county, the state, or the Association of Arkansas Counties. This brings more transparency and accountability to local government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on March 19, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 92-0, on March 25, 2019.

## HB 1443

### SUBSIDIES FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill adds a new category of projects -

healthcare facilities - that qualifies for financial assistance. It also expands the population of areas that can receive the assistance. This is an expansion of corporate welfare, which is not a core function of government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 35-0, on April 1, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 83-0, on April 4, 2019.

## HB 1564

### HIGHER TAXES ON MOBILE SERVICES

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the monthly tax, called a service charge, on cell phones, VOIP, and commercial mobile radio service connections to fund new 911 technology. The monthly tax is increased from 65 cents to \$1.30 - a 100% tax increase. Lawmakers should cut spending elsewhere to finance this effort before forcing taxpayers to pay more. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 29-3, on March 20, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 85-0, on March 27, 2019.

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### HB 1565

#### TAX HIKES FOR EXPANDED GOVERNMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill raises taxes and eliminates some exemptions on certain tobacco products to provide funds for a Cancer Center with a National Cancer Institute designation, allowing the state to inappropriately extract federal funds for a program that is not a core function of government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 22-10, on March 19, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 74-14, on March 25, 2019.

### HB 1920

#### CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TECH COMPANIES (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a fund that will allow the state government to directly own stock in technology-based private enterprises with no more than 500 employees. This unfairly allows the government to pick winners and losers in the private sector at the expense of taxpayers and businesses not receiving support. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 92-0, on April 2, 2019. The Arkansas

Senate passed it, 34-0, on April 5, 2019.

### HB 1928

#### MORE TRANSPARENCY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

With some exceptions, this bill requires public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act to be video recorded and the recordings maintained for at least one year. More transparency will help keep government more accountable to taxpayers. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 87-2, on April 3, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 19-3, on April 10, 2019.

### HB 1984

#### SUBSIDIES FOR SPORTS STADIUMS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill changes the definition of what is considered eligible for economic development funding to include “sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments”. This is not a core function of government.

Funding for such efforts should be left to the private sector. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 76-12, on April 8, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 35-0, the following day.

### HJR 1018

#### SALES TAX HIKE ON 2020 BALLOT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth resolution places on the November 2020 ballot the question of whether to impose a one-half percent sales tax increase to support the construction of roads and highways. Lawmakers should cut spending elsewhere to finance this effort and not ask taxpayers to pay more. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 67-30, on March 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-7, on March 7, 2019.

### SB 211

#### MAJOR TAX CUT PACKAGE (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This pro-growth bill providing \$97 million in tax relief would enact future income tax reductions for individual, trust, and estate taxpayers in the middle and upper income tax tables. The upper

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income tax table is also simplified to four rates in 2020 and then reduced to three rates in 2021. The top marginal income tax rate in Arkansas would be reduced to 5.9% beginning in 2021. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 28-5, on February 6, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 82-14, on February 14, 2019.

### SB 336

#### TAX HIKE FOR TRANSPORTATION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill raises \$84 million for highways and roads by imposing new taxes on wholesale gasoline and diesel fuel. It also adds an additional registration fee on electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles and provides for annual transfers by raiding money from casino gaming revenue and the Restricted Reserve Fund. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 71-26, on March 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on March 5, 2019.

### SB 482

#### SUBSIDIES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would have provided an income tax credit

for the purchase of an electric vehicle or a hybrid vehicle. The legislation appears to be in response to SB 336 which increased the registration fees for electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles. Passing tax hikes with the left hand and tax credits with the right hand is no way to conduct sound, pro-growth tax policy. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 31-1, on March 28, 2019. The bill died in the Arkansas House.

### SB 539

#### SCHOOL CHOICE REFORM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

The pro-growth bill would have created a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for those who contribute to a school choice program to help low-income students attend private schools. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 21-10, on March 28, 2019. The bill died in the Arkansas House.

### SB 571

#### REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

The bill creates a redistribution scheme where the revenue from tax increases on cigarettes and

e-cigarettes would go towards the creation of an “Earned Income Tax Credit”. If the tax credit exceeds a person’s tax liability, the remainder would be given to the taxpayer. Taking money from some taxpayers only to give it back to other taxpayers based on subjective policy views is wealth redistribution and not a core function of government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 18-14, on March 20, 2019. The bill died in the Arkansas House.

### SB 576

#### MAJOR TAX HIKE PACKAGE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

The bill creates a new tax on Internet sales, which many states are enacting as a pure revenue grab to grow government at all levels. The bill also includes some tax relief, especially on the corporate side, but they are backloaded causing the overall bill to be a net tax increase until 2027. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 68-20, on April 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 31-3, on April 8, 2019.

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### SJR 15

#### WEAKENING TERM LIMITS

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution places on the November 2020 ballot language that would weaken term limits for state legislators. Existing law prevents lawmakers from serving more than sixteen years. This resolution would remove that cap. Legislators would be allowed to serve sixteen years and then be allowed to return after four years. After January 2021, the resolution would weaken term limits even further, allowing new legislators to serve just twelve years and then come back after a four-year break. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 51-26, on April 1, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 26-5, on April 2, 2019.

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76 Republicans

24 Democrats

0 Vacancies

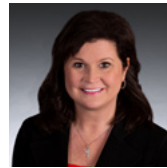
Average Republican Score: 47%

Average Democrat Score: 27%



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Austin McCollum (HD-095) | 95%



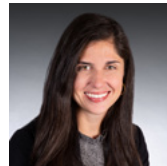
### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Laurie Rushing (HD-026) | 15%



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. John Walker (HD-034) | 45%



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Nicole Clowney (HD-086) | 15%

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	4	6	2	5	4	8	7	7	3	6	11	10	10	7	7	
Allen, Fred	HD-030	D	33%	33%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	X	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	54
Barker, Sonia	HD-007	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	65
Beck, Rick	HD-065	R	67%	67%	3	4	6	2	-	X	-	-	-	3	X	11	10	10	7	X	16
Bentley, Mary	HD-073	R	40%	40%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	11	10	-	-	-	40
Berry, Stan	HD-068	R	67%	67%	3	4	6	2	X	-	8	-	-	3	-	11	10	10	-	7	16
Blake, Charles	HD-036	D	16%	16%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	X	-	-	-	X	97
Boyd, Justin	HD-077	R	20%	20%	-	4	X	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	93
Bragg, Ken	HD-015	R	32%	32%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	57
Breaux, Harlan	HD-097	R	46%	46%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	10	-	7	-	32
Brown, Karilyn	HD-041	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	65
Burch, LeAnne	HD-009	D	27%	27%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	78
Capp, Sarah	HD-082	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	45
Cavanaugh, Frances	HD-060	R	74%	74%	3	4	X	2	-	-	8	7	-	3	-	11	10	X	7	7	7
Christiansen, Craig	HD-047	R	44%	44%	3	4	6	2	-	-	8	7	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	X	35
Cloud, Joe	HD-071	R	31%	31%	-	4	6	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	7	61
Clowney, Nicole	HD-086	D	15%	15%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
Coleman, Bruce	HD-081	R	22%	22%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	89
Collins, Andrew	HD-035	D	26%	26%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	X	6	-	-	-	-	7	82
Cooper, Cameron	HD-044	R	64%	64%	3	4	6	2	-	-	X	7	-	3	-	-	10	10	7	7	19

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Cozart, Bruce	HD-024	R	33%	33%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	54
Crawford, Cindy	HD-076	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	65
Dalby, Carol	HD-001	R	23%	23%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	87
Davis, Andy	HD-031	R	32%	32%	3	4	-	2	X	X	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	57
Davis, Marsh	HD-061	R	70%	70%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	11	10	10	7	7	14
Deffenbaugh, Gary	HD-079	R	43%	43%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	10	-	-	7	36
Della Rosa, Jana	HD-090	R	42%	42%	-	4	6	2	-	X	8	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	37
Dotson, Jim	HD-093	R	78%	78%	3	4	6	2	X	-	8	7	X	3	X	11	10	10	-	-	5
Douglas, Dan	HD-091	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	7	45
Eaves, Les	HD-046	R	48%	48%	X	4	X	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	11	10	10	-	-	28
Eubanks, Jon	HD-074	R	32%	32%	3	X	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	57
Evans, Brian	HD-043	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	45
Ferguson, Deborah	HD-051	D	27%	27%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	78
Ferguson, Kenneth	HD-016	D	31%	31%	X	4	6	2	X	X	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	61
Fielding, David	HD-005	D	28%	28%	3	4	X	2	-	-	X	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	73
Fite, Charlene	HD-080	R	22%	22%	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	X	X	89
Fite, Lanny	HD-023	R	42%	42%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	7	37
Flowers, Vivian	HD-017	D	27%	27%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	7	78
Fortner, Jack	HD-099	R	40%	40%	-	4	6	2	-	-	8	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	40
Garner, Denise	HD-084	D	22%	22%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	89

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	4	6	2	5	4	8	7	7	3	6	11	10	10	7	7	
Gates, Mickey	HD-022	R	79%	79%	3	4	6	2	-	X	8	X	-	3	6	11	10	10	7	-	4
Gazaway, Jimmy	HD-057	R	28%	28%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	73
Glover, Don	HD-011	D	32%	32%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	7	57
Godfrey, Megan	HD-089	D	18%	18%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Gonzales, Justin	HD-019	R	72%	72%	3	4	6	X	X	X	X	7	-	3	X	11	10	10	-	-	11
Gray, Michelle	HD-062	R	34%	34%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	X	X	-	52
Hawks, Spencer	HD-070	R	25%	25%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	84
Hillman, David	HD-013	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	45
Hodges, Grant	HD-096	R	53%	53%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	11	10	10	-	-	26
Hodges, Monte	HD-055	D	19%	19%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	X	94
Holcomb, Mike	HD-010	R	29%	29%	3	4	6	2	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	72
Hollowell, Steve	HD-049	R	31%	31%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	X	10	-	-	-	61
House, Douglas	HD-040	R	28%	28%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	73
Jean, Lane	HD-002	R	47%	47%	X	4	6	X	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	11	10	-	X	7	30
Jett, Joe	HD-056	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	X	X	45
Johnson, Lee	HD-075	R	27%	27%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	78
Kelly, Jasen	HD-028	R	33%	33%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	54
Ladyman, Jack	HD-059	R	34%	34%	3	X	6	2	X	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	52
Love, Frederick	HD-029	D	25%	25%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	84
Lowery, Mark	HD-039	R	58%	58%	3	4	6	2	-	X	-	7	-	3	-	11	10	10	-	-	22



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Lundstrum, Robin	HD-087	R	78%	78%	-	4	6	2	-	-	X	7	-	3	6	11	10	10	7	X	5
Lynch, Roger	HD-014	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	65
Maddox, John	HD-020	R	57%	57%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	11	10	10	-	7	23
Magie, Stephen	HD-072	D	30%	30%	-	4	6	X	-	-	X	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	65
Mayberry, Julie	HD-027	R	74%	74%	3	4	6	2	-	X	8	-	-	3	6	11	X	10	X	X	7
McCollum, Austin	HD-095	R	95%	95%	3	4	6	2	X	-	8	7	X	3	6	11	10	10	X	7	1
McCullough, Tippi	HD-033	D	22%	22%	-	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	89
McKenzie, Gayla	HD-092	R	66%	66%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	6	11	10	-	7	7	18
McNair, Ron	HD-098	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	65
Meeks, Stephen	HD-067	R	63%	63%	3	4	X	2	-	-	-	X	-	X	6	11	10	10	7	-	20
Miller, Josh	HD-066	R	73%	73%	3	4	6	2	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	11	10	10	7	-	9
Murdock, Reginald	HD-048	D	26%	26%	3	4	6	2	X	X	X	-	X	3	-	-	-	-	-	X	82
Nicks Jr., Milton	HD-050	D	36%	36%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	7	44
Payton, John	HD-064	R	73%	73%	-	4	6	X	X	-	8	-	X	3	6	11	10	10	X	-	9
Penzo, Clint	HD-088	R	68%	68%	3	4	6	2	-	-	X	7	-	3	-	11	10	10	7	-	15
Perry, Mark	HD-042	D	28%	28%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	73
Petty, Rebecca	HD-094	R	60%	60%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	X	11	10	10	-	-	21
Pilkington, Aaron	HD-069	R	84%	84%	3	4	6	2	X	X	8	7	-	3	X	11	10	10	-	7	2
Richardson, Jay	HD-078	D	23%	23%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	-	X	-	-	X	87
Richey, Chris	HD-012	D	37%	37%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	X	-	-	-	7	7	43

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<b>POINTS</b>					3	4	6	2	5	4	8	7	7	3	6	11	10	10	7	7	
Richmond, Marcus	HD-021	R	40%	40%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	6	-	10	-	X	-	40
Rushing, Laurie	HD-026	R	15%	15%	3	4	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	98
Rye, Johnny	HD-054	R	42%	42%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	7	-	37
Scott, Jamie	HD-037	D	19%	19%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	X	94
Shepherd, Matthew	HD-006	R	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	10	-	X	X	
Slape, Keith	HD-083	R	47%	47%	3	4	6	2	X	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	10	-	7	30
Smith, Brandt	HD-058	R	46%	46%	3	4	6	2	-	-	8	-	-	3	X	-	10	-	7	-	32
Smith, Stu	HD-063	R	30%	30%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	65
Sorvillo, Jim	HD-032	R	48%	48%	3	X	X	2	X	X	-	X	X	3	-	11	10	-	X	-	28
Speaks, Nelda	HD-100	R	81%	81%	-	4	6	2	-	-	8	7	-	3	6	11	10	10	7	7	3
Sullivan, Dan	HD-053	R	72%	72%	3	4	6	2	-	X	-	7	-	3	6	11	10	10	7	-	11
Tosh, Dwight	HD-052	R	55%	55%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	X	-	10	10	7	-	24
Vaught, DeAnn	HD-004	R	55%	55%	3	4	6	2	-	-	8	X	-	X	-	-	X	10	7	X	24
Walker, John	HD-034	D	45%	45%	X	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	X	11	-	X	X	7	34
Wardlaw, Jeff	HD-008	R	50%	50%	3	4	6	2	X	X	-	X	-	3	-	-	10	-	7	7	27
Warren, Les	HD-025	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	45
Watson, Danny	HD-003	R	28%	28%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	73
Whitaker, David	HD-085	D	25%	25%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	84
Wing, Carlton	HD-038	R	35%	35%	3	4	6	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	-	45
Womack, Richard	HD-018	R	72%	72%	-	4	6	2	-	-	X	7	-	3	6	11	10	10	7	-	11
Wooten, Jim	HD-045	R	31%	31%	X	4	X	2	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	-	10	-	-	X	61

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## HB 1251

### REDUCING GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN OPTOMETRY

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill would narrowly broaden the practice of optometry, thus expanding healthcare freedom, by allowing an optometrist to give injections, perform some laser surgeries, and remove lumps and bumps. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 70-19, on March 6, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on March 20, 2019.

## HB 1255

### REDUCING RED TAPE IN PERMITTING PROCESS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

Existing law requires licensing agencies to adopt reduced requirements for reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification for people who are in good standing. This commonsense legislation makes that standard also apply to permits issued by a licensing agency. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on April

8, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 95-0, on April 10, 2019.

## HB 1342

### TAX CUT FOR USED CAR SALES

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

If a used car is taxed when sold, it represents double taxation since it was already taxed as a new car. This bill would increase the threshold below which a used motor vehicle is not taxed to \$7,500 from the existing threshold of \$4,000, thus saving taxpayers over \$12 million a year. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 84-1, on March 20, 2019. The bill died in the Arkansas Senate.

## HB 1343

### MORE TRANSPARENCY IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill requires a county's annual financial statement to be published on a website owned or maintained by the county, the state, or the Association of Arkansas Counties. This brings

more transparency and accountability to local government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 34-0, on March 19, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 92-0, on March 25, 2019.

## HB 1443

### SUBSIDIES FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill adds a new category of projects - healthcare facilities - that qualifies for financial assistance. It also expands the population of areas that can receive the assistance. This is an expansion of corporate welfare, which is not a core function of government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 35-0, on April 1, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 83-0, on April 4, 2019.

## HB 1564

### HIGHER TAXES ON MOBILE SERVICES

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the monthly tax, called a service charge, on cell phones, VOIP, and commercial

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mobile radio service connections to fund new 911 technology. The monthly tax is increased from 65 cents to \$1.30 - a 100% tax increase. Lawmakers should cut spending elsewhere to finance this effort before forcing taxpayers to pay more. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 29-3, on March 20, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 85-0, on March 27, 2019.

### HB 1565

#### TAX HIKES FOR EXPANDED GOVERNMENT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill raises taxes and eliminates some exemptions on certain tobacco products to provide funds for a Cancer Center with a National Cancer Institute designation, allowing the state to inappropriately extract federal funds for a program that is not a core function of government. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 22-10, on March 19, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 74-14, on March 25, 2019.

### HB 1568

#### CREATING A NEW BUREAUCRACY WITH EXPANDED POWERS

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates the Arkansas Advisory Council of Healthcare Professions within the state's Department of Health. The anti-growth legislation needlessly adds more bureaucracy and expanded powers to government and further ingratiate the private sector into government. This is a corruption of authority called regulatory capture where the regulated are partially in control of the regulating. Needing a majority of 51 votes, the Arkansas House failed to pass the bill, 41-33, on March 26, 2019.

### HB 1920

#### CORPORATE WELFARE FOR TECH COMPANIES

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill establishes a fund that will allow the state government to directly own stock in technology-based private enterprises with no more than 500 employees. This unfairly allows the government to pick winners and losers in the private sector

at the expense of taxpayers and businesses not receiving support. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 92-0, on April 2, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 34-0, on April 5, 2019.

### HB 1928

#### MORE TRANSPARENCY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

With some exceptions, this bill requires public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act to be video recorded and the recordings maintained for at least one year. More transparency will help keep government more accountable to taxpayers. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 87-2, on April 3, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 19-3, on April 10, 2019.

### HB 1984

#### SUBSIDIES FOR SPORTS STADIUMS

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill changes the definition of what's considered eligible for economic development funding to include "sports complexes designed to host local, state, regional, and national

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competitions, including without limitation baseball, softball, and other sports tournaments”. This is not a core function of government. Funding for such efforts should be left to the private sector. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 76-12, on April 8, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 35-0, the following day.

### HJR 1018

#### SALES TAX HIKE ON 2020 BALLOT

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This anti-growth resolution places on the November 2020 ballot the question of whether to impose a one-half percent sales tax increase to support the construction of roads and highways. Lawmakers should cut spending elsewhere to finance this effort and not ask taxpayers to pay more. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 67-30, on March 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-7, on March 7, 2019.

### SB 211

#### MAJOR TAX CUT PACKAGE

**(CFGF SUPPORTS)**

This pro-growth bill providing \$97 million in tax relief would enact future income tax reductions for individual, trust, and estate taxpayers in the middle and upper income tax tables. The upper income tax table is also simplified to four rates in 2020 and then reduced to three rates in 2021. The top marginal income tax rate in Arkansas would be reduced to 5.9% beginning in 2021. The Arkansas Senate passed this bill, 28-5, on February 6, 2019. The Arkansas House passed it, 82-14, on February 14, 2019.

### SB 336

#### TAX HIKE FOR TRANSPORTATION

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This anti-growth bill raises \$84 million for highways and roads by imposing new taxes on wholesale gasoline and diesel fuel. It also adds an additional registration fee on electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles and provides for annual transfers by raiding money from casino gaming

revenue and the Restricted Reserve Fund. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 71-26, on March 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 25-8, on March 5, 2019.

### SB 576

#### MAJOR TAX HIKE PACKAGE

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

The bill creates a new tax on Internet sales, which many states are enacting as a pure revenue grab to grow government at all levels. The bill also includes some tax relief, especially on the corporate side, but they are backloaded causing the overall bill to be a net tax increase until 2027. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 68-20, on April 4, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 31-3, on April 8, 2019.

### SJR 15

#### WEAKENING TERM LIMITS

**(CFGF OPPOSES)**

This resolution places on the November 2020 ballot language that would weaken term limits for state legislators. Existing law prevents lawmakers from serving more than sixteen

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years. This resolution would remove that cap. Legislators would be allowed to serve sixteen years and then be allowed to return after four years. After January 2021, the resolution would weaken term limits even further, allowing new legislators to serve just twelve years and then come back after a four-year break. The Arkansas House passed this bill, 51-26, on April 1, 2019. The Arkansas Senate passed it, 26-5, on April 2, 2019.

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