



2020

Alabama State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Alabama'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.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

Methodology | Alabama 2020

Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Alabama’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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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN ALABAMA IN 2020

The Foundation’s study examined over 680 floor votes and, in the end, included 13 Alabama House votes and 10 Alabama 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 (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. 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. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #105 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 2020 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 Alabama House and Alabama 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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35 MEMBERS

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27 Republicans

8 Democrats

0 Vacancies

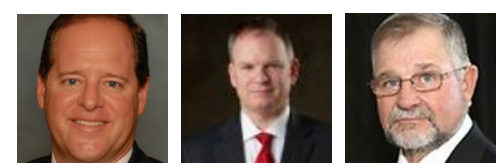
Average Republican Score: 21%

Average Democrat Score: 6%



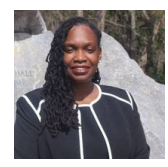
HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Shay Shelnett (SD-17) | 38%



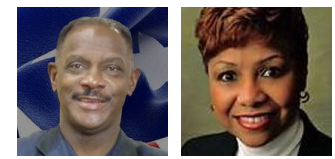
LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Senator Cam Ward (SD-14) | 12%
Senator Thomas Whatley (SD-27) | 12%
Senator Jack Williams (SD-34) | 12%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Malika Sanders-Fortier (SD-23) | 10%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Senator David Burkette (SD-26) | 0%
Senator Linda Coleman-Madison (SD-20) | 0%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	
POINTS					10	11	7	10	8	7	7	8	15	17	
Albritton, Greg	SD-22	R	19%	19%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	19
Allen, Gerald	SD-21	R	19%	17%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	19
Barfoot, Will	SD-25	R	27%	30%	-	11	-	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	2
Beasley, William	SD-28	D	9%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	X	-	29
Burkette, David	SD-26	D	0%	8%	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	32
Butler, Tom	SD-02	R	19%	17%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	19
Chambliss, Clyde	SD-30	R	22%	15%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	X	-	7
Chesteen, Donnie	SD-29	R	21%	18%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Coleman-Madison, Linda	SD-20	D	0%	9%	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	32
Dunn, Priscilla	SD-19	D	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Elliott, Chris	SD-32	R	21%	18%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Figures, Vivian	SD-33	D	n/a	30%	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	
Givhan, Sam	SD-07	R	21%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Gudger, Garlan	SD-04	R	21%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Holley, Jimmy	SD-31	R	19%	19%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	19
Jones, Andrew	SD-10	R	21%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Livingston, Steve	SD-08	R	21%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Marsh, Del	SD-12	R	25%	14%	X	11	X	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	3
McClendon, Jim	SD-11	R	21%	24%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Melson, Tim	SD-01	R	25%	22%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	X	3

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Orr, Arthur	SD-03	R	14%	19%	-	11	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	23
Price, Randy	SD-13	R	21%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Reed, Greg	SD-05	R	23%	19%	X	11	X	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	6
Roberts, Dan	SD-15	R	21%	27%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	-	9
Sanders-Fortier, Malika	SD-23	D	10%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	X	28
Scofield, Clay	SD-09	R	22%	17%	-	11	-	-	X	-	X	8	-	-	7
Sessions, David	SD-35	R	25%	20%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	8	-	X	3
Shelnett, Shay	SD-17	R	38%	38%	-	11	-	X	X	-	-	8	X	X	1
Singleton, Bobby	SD-24	D	8%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	30
Smitherman, Rodger	SD-18	D	8%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	30
Stutts, Larry	SD-06	R	20%	27%	-	11	-	-	-	-	X	8	-	-	18
Waggoner, J. T.	SD-16	R	13%	14%	-	11	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	24
Ward, Cam	SD-14	R	12%	16%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	25
Whatley, Thomas	SD-27	R	12%	10%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	25
Williams, Jack	SD-34	R	12%	14%	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	25

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HB 66

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXATION SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would create a new taxing jurisdiction in areas near military bases, such as Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, in which the surrounding areas are considered to be rundown. The purported intent is to create new “economic development” projects designed to revitalize the area. However, such central planning would not only increase taxes on Alabama taxpayers but would also empower and enrich connected special interests. The Alabama House passed this bill, 90-6, on February 28, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 29-0, on March 12, 2020.

HB 147

NO LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX HIKES (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill would prohibit the implementation of new occupational licensing taxes at the

local level unless explicitly authorized by the Alabama Legislature. This new check on power will provide another layer of protection to Alabama taxpayers from tax-hungry municipalities. The Alabama House passed this bill, 74-27, on February 11, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 27-7, on February 27, 2020.

HB 186

GENERAL FUND SUPPLEMENTAL (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$28.3 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$2.39 billion General Fund Budget - a budget which saw a 7 percent year-to-year increase from 2019 levels. Additionally, this bill continues the usage of various state boards as shells for new spending transfers outside the normal budget process. This is a practice that should end and only serves to obfuscate expenditures from the general public. The Alabama House passed this bill, 104-0, on February 18, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 29-0, on March 12, 2020.

HB 190

BIG SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$242 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$7.2 billion provided for in the 2020 Education Trust Fund Budget. Such spending decisions should be confined within the state’s budget process, not outside of existing authorization levels. Alabama’s bifurcated state budget structure and opaque process at times make it easier for lawmakers to simply appropriate new or additional money for governmental entities outside of the confines of the state’s budget. This process is in dire need of reform. The Alabama House passed this bill, 70-1, on May 9, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 32-0, the same day.

HB 500

MASSIVE AD VALOREM TAX SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill levies a potential 600% tax increase on property owners in Montgomery County for

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the county's School Tax District. The legislation imposes an ad valorem tax that would increase property taxes from the existing rate of \$0.30 per \$100 to a maximum of \$1.85 per \$100. The state legislature should not be condoning such exorbitant new taxation schemes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 13-0, with 92 legislators not voting on May 7, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 17-1, with 17 legislators not voting on May 9, 2020.

SB 28

EXTEND STATE COSMETOLOGY BOARD

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization of the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering through 2024. Such boards only serve to create onerous government-imposed licensing schemes on various industries and professions, creating barriers to entry in fields that disproportionately impact those in lower income brackets. The Board should be repealed altogether. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on February 20, 2020. The Alabama House passed it, 101-0, on March 12, 2020.

SB 33

EXTEND STATE AUCTIONEER BOARD

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization of the State Board of Auctioneers through 2024. The notion that the practice of auctioneering should be regulated by a state legislature is farcical and only exists to collect "fees" to fill up government coffers. The Board should be repealed. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 30-0, on February 25, 2020. The Alabama House passed it, 99-0, on March 12, 2020.

SB 106

CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR MILITARY KIDS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill amends the Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act to allow for the creation of public charter schools on or near military bases in Alabama. The legislation does this as part of a state-based school choice effort aimed at helping military families who may wish to find alternative and better education options for their children instead of being forced to send their kids to failing government-run schools. The Alabama Senate

passed this bill, 26-3, on February 18, 2020. The Alabama House did not take up the bill.

SB 157

THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$2.39 billion in spending for the State General Fund. This is a nearly \$300 million increase - roughly 7 percent - over 2019 General Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The Alabama House passed this spending increase, 75-1, on May 7, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 30-0, later the same day.

SB 242

BILLION DOLLAR BONDING BILL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the Alabama Public School and College Authority to issue a \$1.25 billion bond on the backs of Alabama taxpayers for the purpose of "capital improvements" to the

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state's myriad community colleges, higher education institutions, and public schools. This comes on top of consecutive Education Trust Fund budgets in excess of \$7 billion. Alabama lawmakers should not push billion-dollar borrowing bills for education on top of mammoth education spending. Such borrow-and-spend policies inevitably bleed hard-working taxpayers dry and are never enough to satiate the education lobby's demands. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 29-0, on May 4, 2020. The Alabama House passed it, 68-5, on May 5, 2020.

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105 MEMBERS

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77 Republicans

28 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 15%

Average Democrat Score: 0%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Andrew Sorrell (HD-03) | 69%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Ritchie Whorton (HD-22) | 7%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Prince Chestnut (HD-67) | 10%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Several with 0%

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POINTS					5	5	8	9	10	6	5	8	6	5	5	13	15	
Alexander, Louise	HD-056	D	0%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Allen, Wes	HD-089	R	13%	18%	-	X	X	-	10	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	21
Baker, Alan	HD-066	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Ball, Mike	HD-010	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Blackshear, Chris	HD-080	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Boyd, Barbara	HD-032	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Bracy, Napoleon	HD-098	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Brown, Chip	HD-105	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Brown, K.L.	HD-040	R	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Carns, Jim	HD-048	R	30%	32%	-	X	-	-	10	6	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	6
Chestnut, Prince	HD-067	D	10%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	72
Clarke, Adline	HD-097	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Clouse, Steve	HD-093	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Coleman, Merika	HD-057	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Collins, Terri	HD-008	R	8%	12%	X	-	-	-	X	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	77
Crawford, Danny	HD-005	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Daniels, Anthony	HD-053	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Dismukes, Will	HD-088	R	41%	35%	X	X	X	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	15	3
Drake, Dickie	HD-045	R	17%	17%	-	-	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	15
Drummond, Barbara	HD-103	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79

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POINTS					5	5	8	9	10	6	5	8	6	5	5	13	15	
Easterbrook, Brett	HD-065	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Ellis, Corley	HD-041	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
England, Christopher	HD-070	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Estes, Tracy	HD-017	R	17%	17%	-	-	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	15
Farley, Allen	HD-015	R	13%	21%	-	X	X	-	10	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	21
Faulkner, David	HD-046	R	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Faust, Joe	HD-094	R	10%	12%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Fincher, Bob	HD-037	R	18%	25%	-	X	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	11
Forte, Berry	HD-084	D	0%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	79
Fridy, Matt	HD-073	R	11%	21%	-	-	-	-	10	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Garrett, Danny	HD-044	R	26%	22%	-	-	8	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	8
Gaston, Victor	HD-100	R	11%	8%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Givan, Juandalynn	HD-060	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	79
Gray, Jeremy	HD-083	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Greer, Lynn	HD-002	R	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Grimsley, Dexter	HD-085	D	0%	14%	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Hall, Laura	HD-019	D	n/a	14%	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Hanes, Tommy	HD-023	R	49%	48%	X	5	8	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	15	2
Harbison, Corey	HD-012	R	18%	25%	-	X	X	-	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Hatcher, Kirk	HD-078	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	79

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POINTS					5	5	8	9	10	6	5	8	6	5	5	13	15	
Hill, Jim	HD-050	R	11%	15%	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Hollis, Rolanda	HD-058	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Holmes, Mike	HD-031	R	37%	37%	X	X	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	15	5
Howard, Ralph	HD-072	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Hurst, Stephen	HD-035	R	11%	16%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Ingram, Reed	HD-075	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Isbell, Gil	HD-028	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Jackson, Thomas	HD-068	D	0%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Johnson, Ronald	HD-033	R	10%	20%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72
Jones, Mike	HD-092	R	12%	14%	-	-	X	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	24
Jones, Sam	HD-099	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Kiel, Jamie	HD-018	R	19%	29%	-	-	X	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	10
Kitchens, Wes	HD-027	R	11%	14%	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Lawrence, Kelvin	HD-069	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	79
Ledbetter, Nathaniel	HD-024	R	12%	14%	-	X	X	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	24
Lee, Paul	HD-086	R	11%	12%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Lipscomb, Craig	HD-030	R	15%	13%	-	X	-	-	10	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	19
Lovvorn, Joe	HD-079	R	11%	11%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Marques, Rhett	HD-091	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
McCampbell, Artis	HD-071	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79

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POINTS					5	5	8	9	10	6	5	8	6	5	5	13	15	
McClammy, Thad	HD-076	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	79
McCutcheon, Mac	HD-025	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
McMillan, Steve	HD-095	R	11%	13%	X	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Meadows, Charlotte	HD-074	R	12%	12%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	24
Mooney, Arnold	HD-043	R	38%	42%	-	X	X	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	15	4
Moore, Mary	HD-059	D	n/a	38%	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	
Moore, Parker	HD-004	R	17%	18%	-	-	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	15
Morris, TaShina	HD-077	D	0%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	79
Nordgren, Becky	HD-029	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Oliver, Ed	HD-081	R	11%	16%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Pettus, Phillip	HD-001	R	11%	16%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Poole, William	HD-063	R	18%	15%	-	-	8	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Pringle, Chris	HD-101	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Rafferty, Neil	HD-054	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Reynolds, Rex	HD-021	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Rich, Kerry	HD-026	R	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Robertson, Proncey	HD-007	R	11%	12%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Rogers, John	HD-052	D	n/a	40%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rowe, Connie	HD-013	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Sanderford, Howard	HD-020	R	17%	17%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	15

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POINTS					5	5	8	9	10	6	5	8	6	5	5	13	15	
Scott, Roderick	HD-055	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
Sells, Chris	HD-090	R	13%	15%	X	X	-	-	10	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	21
Shaver, Ginny	HD-039	R	9%	13%	-	-	8	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Shedd, Randall	HD-011	R	12%	13%	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	24
Shiver, Harry	HD-064	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Simpson, Matt	HD-096	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Smith, Ivan	HD-042	R	11%	11%	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Sorrell, Andrew	HD-003	R	69%	52%	-	5	8	-	10	6	-	8	X	-	-	13	15	1
Sorrells, Jeff	HD-087	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
South, Kyle	HD-016	R	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Stadthagen, Scott	HD-009	R	11%	21%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Standridge, David	HD-034	R	11%	22%	-	X	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Stringer, Shane	HD-102	R	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	20
Sullivan, Rodney	HD-061	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Treadaway, Allen	HD-051	R	11%	21%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Wadsworth, Timothy	HD-014	R	18%	20%	-	X	-	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	11
Warren, Pebblin	HD-082	D	0%	9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	79
Weaver, April	HD-049	R	11%	18%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Wheeler, David	HD-047	R	29%	33%	X	X	8	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	7
Whitt, Andy	HD-006	R	11%	14%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28

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Whorton, Ritchie	HD-022	R	7%	23%	-	X	-	-	X	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Wilcox, Margie	HD-104	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Wingo, Rich	HD-062	R	21%	20%	X	X	X	-	10	6	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	9
Wood, Debbie	HD-038	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28
Wood, Randy	HD-036	R	11%	13%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	28

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HB 29

CRUSHING COTTAGE FOOD INDUSTRY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands regulations on the cottage food industry in the state. The bill requires people who make \$20,000 or less annually selling baked goods out of their home to label their products and take a food safety course. The legislation adds new items to be regulated, including gluten-free baking mix and roasted coffee. Additionally, the framework continues to prohibit citizens from selling their baked goods over the Internet. The Alabama House passed this bill, 97-0, on February 13, 2020. The Alabama Senate did not take up the bill.

HB 45

REGULATING EYEBROW MICROBLADING COSMETOLOGY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new regulatory scheme through the State Department of Health to regulate eyebrow cosmetologists. Aside from creating yet another occupational licensing scheme as

a barrier for entry into the field, the bill would institute a \$250 initial licensing fee for facilities that use microblading techniques and create a permanent \$200 annual tax on businesses to continue the practice. The Alabama House passed this bill, 81-2, on February 18, 2020. The Alabama Senate did not take up the bill.

HB 66

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAXATION SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would create a new taxing jurisdiction in areas near military bases, such as Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, in which the surrounding areas are considered to be rundown. The purported intent is to create new “economic development” projects designed to revitalize the area. However, such central planning would not only increase taxes on Alabama taxpayers, but would also empower and enrich connected special interests. The Alabama House passed this bill, 90-6, on February 28, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 29-0, on March 12, 2020.

HB 76

NEW DEFINED BENEFIT STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new and expensive Tier III retirement plan for teachers and public school employees on top of existing Tier I and Tier II retirement plans. Teachers on this new plan could receive up to 80 percent of their salary upon retirement. Taxpayers carry the enormous burden from defined benefit plans because the plans are often overly generous, underfunded, and frequently raided. Responsible lawmakers should insist on phasing them out and instituting defined contribution plans instead. The Alabama House passed this bill, 105-0, on February 18, 2020. The Alabama Senate did not take up the bill.

HB 147

NO LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX HIKES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill would prohibit the implementation of new occupational licensing taxes at the local

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level unless explicitly authorized by the Alabama Legislature. This new check on power will provide another layer of protection to Alabama taxpayers from tax-hungry municipalities. The Alabama House passed this bill, 74-27, on February 11, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 27-7, on February 27, 2020.

HB 167

SOCIAL WORK BOARD TAX GRAB

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would grant the Board of Social Work Examiners, which should not exist, the authority to impose fees on social workers whenever the board has to verify the existence of a licensed worker, whenever an inactive license is being renewed, whenever there is a lapsed license, or whenever someone makes an application to the board to be a continuing education supervisor. In truly outrageous fashion, the amount of the “fee” is not specified. The Alabama House passed this bill, 68-19, on February 25, 2020. The Alabama Senate did not take up the bill.

HB 186

GENERAL FUND SUPPLEMENTAL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$28.3 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$2.39 billion General Fund Budget - a budget which saw a 7 percent year-to-year increase from 2019 levels. Additionally, this bill continues the usage of various state boards as shells for new spending transfers outside the normal budget process. This is a practice that should end and only serves to obfuscate expenditures from the general public. The Alabama House passed this bill, 104-0, on February 18, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 29-0, on March 12, 2020.

HB 190

BIG SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BILL

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates a total of \$242 million to various state entities in addition to the existing \$7.2 billion provided for in the 2020 Education Trust Fund Budget. Such spending decisions should be confined within the state’s budget process, not outside of existing authorization levels. Alabama’s bifurcated state budget structure and opaque

process at times make it easier for lawmakers to simply appropriate new or additional money for governmental entities outside of the confines of the state’s budget. This process is in dire need of reform. The Alabama House passed this bill, 70-1, on May 9, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 32-0, the same day.

HB 500

MASSIVE AD VALOREM TAX SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill levies a potential 600% tax increase on property owners in Montgomery County for the county’s School Tax District. The legislation imposes an ad valorem tax that would increase property taxes from the existing rate of \$0.30 per \$100 to a maximum of \$1.85 per \$100. The state legislature should not be condoning such exorbitant new taxation schemes. The Alabama House passed the bill, 13-0, with 92 legislators not voting on May 7, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 17-1, with 17 legislators not voting on May 9, 2020.

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SB 28

EXTEND STATE COSMETOLOGY BOARD (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization of the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering through 2024. Such boards only serve to create onerous government-imposed licensing schemes on various industries and professions, creating barriers to entry in fields that disproportionately impact those in lower income brackets. The Board should be repealed altogether. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 32-0, on February 20, 2020. The Alabama House passed it, 101-0, on March 12, 2020.

SB 33

EXTEND STATE AUCTIONEER BOARD (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill extends the authorization of the State Board of Auctioneers through 2024. The notion that the practice of auctioneering should be regulated by a state legislature is farcical and only exists to collect “fees” to fill up government coffers. The Board should be repealed. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 30-0, on February 25, 2020. The Alabama House passed

it, 99-0, on March 12, 2020.

SB 157

THE 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates \$2.39 billion in spending for the State General Fund. This is a nearly \$300 million increase - roughly 7 percent - over 2019 General Fund spending. A common benchmark to grade spending increases is the growth rate in population plus inflation, which stood at just 1.73%. Since this bill grows beyond that, it forces an extra burden on Alabama taxpayers that they shouldn't have to carry. The Alabama House passed this spending increase, 75-1, on May 7, 2020. The Alabama Senate passed it, 30-0, later the same day.

SB 242

BILLION DOLLAR BONDING BILL (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes the Alabama Public School and College Authority to issue a \$1.25 billion bond on the backs of Alabama taxpayers for the purpose of “capital improvements” to the state’s myriad community colleges, higher education

institutions, and public schools. This comes on top of consecutive Education Trust Fund budgets in excess of \$7 billion. Alabama lawmakers should not push billion-dollar borrowing bills for education on top of mammoth education spending. Such borrow-and-spend policies inevitably bleed hard-working taxpayers dry and are never enough to satiate the education lobby’s demands. The Alabama Senate passed the bill, 29-0, on May 4, 2020. The Alabama House passed it, 68-5, on May 5, 2020.

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