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of New Jersey



DEAR FRIENDS,

I am pleased to share this report card for the 2018-2019 New Jersey state legislature. Here is a snapshot of how lawmakers voted on key social and moral legislation related to the right to life, education, family, marijuana, marriage, and other issues.

Guided by our mission of building a state where God is honored, religious liberty flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished, this report card focuses on seven bills in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate during the 2018-2019 Legislative Session. All of those bills are included in this report card. A bill is passed by a simple majority in the Senate (21 votes out of 40 senators) and the Assembly (41 votes out of 80 Assembly members.)

Lawmakers earned letter grades ranging from A–F based on how they voted on all the bills. This report card is not an endorsement of any candidate or political party. It does not measure any lawmakers’ integrity, commitment to their faith, work ethic, or rapport with Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey. It is only a report on how each lawmaker voted. One of the most common questions people ask is, “How did my legislator vote?” This report card should help you answer that question.

Sincerely,

Shawn Hyland
Director of Advocacy

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ABOUT THE REPORT CARD

Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey selected votes on key legislation in the New Jersey Assembly and New Jersey Senate based on our core belief in promoting, protecting, and strengthening traditional family values. These bills were chosen because they address issues conservative New Jerseyans care about, including abortion, marriage and family, marijuana, education and others. Lawmakers' grades are based on seven bills that came before the New Jersey Assembly and Senate. Bills that never passed a legislative committee vote are not included. These bills included the **Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act** and the **Born Alive Infant Protection Act**.

| HOW WE FIGURED THE GRADES

We established a 100-point grading scale. We arrived at each lawmaker's percentage grade by dividing each lawmaker's number of good votes cast by the number of bills he or she voted on. Not all lawmakers voted on every bill. Lawmakers who voted YES in favor of a pro-family bill received an "A", a "C" if they ABSTAINED, and an "F" if they voted NO.

Based on their percentage grade, lawmakers earned a letter grade as follows:

GRADING SCALE:

Letter Grade Percent

A 90–100 **B** 80–89 **C** 70–79 **D** 60–69 **F** Below 60

VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

S1569 LGBT Curriculum Mandate In All Public Schools

Overview: Requires boards of education to include instruction, and to adopt inclusive instructional materials, that positively portray political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (52) YES ✗ (10) NO ✗ (18) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (27) YES ✗ (8) NO ✗ (5) Abstain or Not Voting

**NOTE: Curriculum has been developed by the state's leading LGBT advocacy group. Lessons include transgender acceptable pronouns in middle school grammar, assignments for students to become allies of the LGBT agenda, and classroom discussions on the way LGBT issues are discussed in public and how it effects their treatment.*

A5508-S3804 Contraception Coverage Religious Exemption Removal

Overview: Requires churches and religious employers to pay for abortifacients and contraceptives in their medical insurance plans.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (49) YES ✗ (25) NO ✗ (6) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (21) YES ✗ (15) NO ✗ (4) Abstain or Not Voting

**NOTE: Churches and Houses of Worship have been exempted from funding abortion inducing drugs throughout previous Democratic and Republican Administrations. This legislation removed the religious exemption. State Government has now mandated the allocation of tithe dollars to fund activities that violate deeply held religious beliefs.*

A5802-S4103 Planned Parenthood Funding Increase

Overview: Increases budget appropriations to fund Family Planning Services by an additional 9.5 million dollars.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (49) YES ✗ (21) NO ✗ (10) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (26) YES ✗ (14) NO ✗ (0) Abstain or Not Voting

**NOTE: Planned Parenthood already received 10.5 million dollars of NJ taxpayer money each year. This legislation increased their amount of NJ taxpayer support to 20 million dollars per year. Despite 116 Federally Qualified Health Centers that offer comprehensive women's care in low income areas, lawmakers choose to fund abortion services in distressed urban areas as Camden, East Orange, Elizabeth, Newark, Paterson, Perth Amboy and Trenton.*

A1504-S1072 "Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act" Physician Assisted Suicide

Overview: Allows doctors to prescribe fatal drugs to patients who are terminally ill.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (41) YES ✗ (33) NO ✗ (6) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (21) YES ✗ (16) NO ✗ (3) Abstain or Not Voting

A312-S2682 Palliative and Hospice Care Act

Overview: The bill establishes the "Palliative Care and Hospice Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program" in the Department of Health (DOH). The purpose of the program will be to ensure that comprehensive and accurate information and education about palliative care and hospice care are available to the public, to health care providers, and to health care facilities.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (76) YES ✗ (0) NO ✗ (4) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (38) YES ✗ (0) NO ✗ (2) Abstain or Not Voting

SCR183 Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Ballot Initiative

Overview: Proposes constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for personal, non-medical use by adults who are age 21 years or older, subject to regulation by Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (49) YES ✗ (24) NO ✗ (7) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (24) YES ✗ (16) NO ✗ (0) Abstain or Not Voting

A1380-S1126 Safe Haven Information Act

Overview: Requires public school districts to provide instruction on "New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act" as part of core curriculum content standards.

- The Assembly passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (73) YES ✗ (0) NO ✗ (7) Abstain or Not Voting
- The Senate passed the bill by a vote of ✓ (37) YES ✗ (0) NO ✗ (3) Abstain or Not Voting

**NOTE: The current Safe Haven law allows parents to drop off their unwanted and unharmed infants who are younger than 30 days old at police stations, emergency departments, first aid squads and fire stations with no questions asked and without fear of prosecution.*

LEGISLATOR VOTES

District	Representative	S1569	A5508 / S3804	A5802 / S4103	A1504 / S1072	A312 / S2682	SCR183	A1380 / S1126	Grade
1	Senator Bob Andrzejczak (D)*	✗*	⊘	⊘*	✓	✓	⊘*	✓	N/A
	Assm Bruce Land (D)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Matthew Milam (D) **	✓**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	D
2	Senator Chris Brown (R)	✓	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm John Armato (D)	✓	✓	✓	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	C-
	Assm Vincent Mazzeo (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
3	Senator Stephen M. Sweeney (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm John J. Burzichelli (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Adam Taliaferro (D)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	C
4	Senator Fred H. Madden, Jr. (D)	✗	✗	✓	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	B
	Assm Paul D. Moriarty (D)	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	⊘	✓	C
	Assw Gabriela Mosquera (D)	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	D
5	Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez (D)	✓	✗	✓	⊘	✓	✓	✓	C-
	Assw Patricia Eagan-Jones (D)	✗	✓	✓	⊘	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm William Spearman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
6	Senator James Beach (D)	✓	✗	✓	⊘	✓	✓	✓	C
	Assm Louis D. Greenwald (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Pamela R. Lampitt (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
7	Senator Troy Singleton (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	D-
	Assm Herb Conaway M.D. (D)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	C-
	Assw Carol Murphy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
8	Senator Dawn Marie Addiego (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Joe Howarth (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✗	A
	Assm Ryan Peters (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
9	Senator Christopher Connors (R)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assw DiAnne Gove (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm Brian E. Rumpf (R)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
10	Senator Jim Holzapfel (R)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm Gregory McGuckin (R)	⊘	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm David Wolfe (R)	⊘	⊘	✗	⊘	✓	✗	✓	A
11	Senator Vin Gopal (D)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Joann Downey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Eric Houghtaling (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
12	Senator Samuel Thompson (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm Robert Clifton (R)	⊘	⊘	✗	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assm Ron Dancer (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
13	Senator Declan O'Scanlon (R)	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	✓	✓	✓	B
	Assw Serena DiMaso (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	⊘	✓	A
	Assw Amy Handlin (R)	✗	⊘	⊘	⊘	✓	✗	✗	B
14	Senator Linda Greenstein (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Daniel Benson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Wayne DeAngelo (D)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D

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District	Representative	S1569	A5508 / S3804	A5802 / S4103	A1504 / S1072	A312 / S2682	SCR183	A1380 / S1126	Grade
15	Senator Shirley K. Turner (D)	✓	✗	✓	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>B</i>
	Assw Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Anthony Verrelli (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
16	Senator Kip Bateman (R)	✓	⊖	⊖	✓	✓	⊖	✓	<i>B</i>
	Assm Roy Freiman (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Andrew Zwicker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	<i>F</i>
17	Senator Bob Smith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Joseph Danielsen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	<i>F</i>
	Assm Joseph V. Egan	✗	⊖	✗	⊖	✓	✓	✓	<i>C</i>
18	Senator Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Robert Karabinchak (D)	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	<i>C-</i>
	Assw Nancy Pinkin (D)	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	<i>C-</i>
19	Senator Joseph F. Vitale (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Craig Coughlin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assw Yvonne Lopez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
20	Senator Joseph Cryan (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm Jamel Holley (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assw Annette Quijano (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
21	Senator Thomas H. Kean Jr. (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm Jon M. Bramnick (R)	✗	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assw Nancy Munoz (R)	✗	⊖	✗	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
22	Senator Nicholas P. Scutari (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assw Linda Carter (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm James Kennedy (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
23	Senator Michael Doherty (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm John Dimaio (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm Erik Peterson (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
24	Senator Stephen Oroho (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm Parker Space (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm Harold Wirths (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
25	Senator Anthony R. Bucco (R)*	✗	⊖	⊖	✗	✓	⊖	✗	<i>A</i>
	Assm Anthony Bucco Jr. (R)**	✗	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✗	<i>A</i>
	Assm Michael Carroll (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	✗	✓	<i>A</i>
26	Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R)	✗	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assw Betty Lou DeCrose (R)	✗	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
	Assm Jay Webber (R)	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	✓	⊖	✓	<i>A</i>
27	Senator Richard J. Codey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assw Mila M. Jasey (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
	Assm John F McKeon (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	<i>D</i>
28	Senator Ronald L. Rice (D)	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	<i>C-</i>
	Assm Ralph R. Caputo (D)	✓	✓	✓	⊖	✓	✓	✓	<i>C-</i>
	Assw Cleopatra G. Tucker (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	<i>C-</i>

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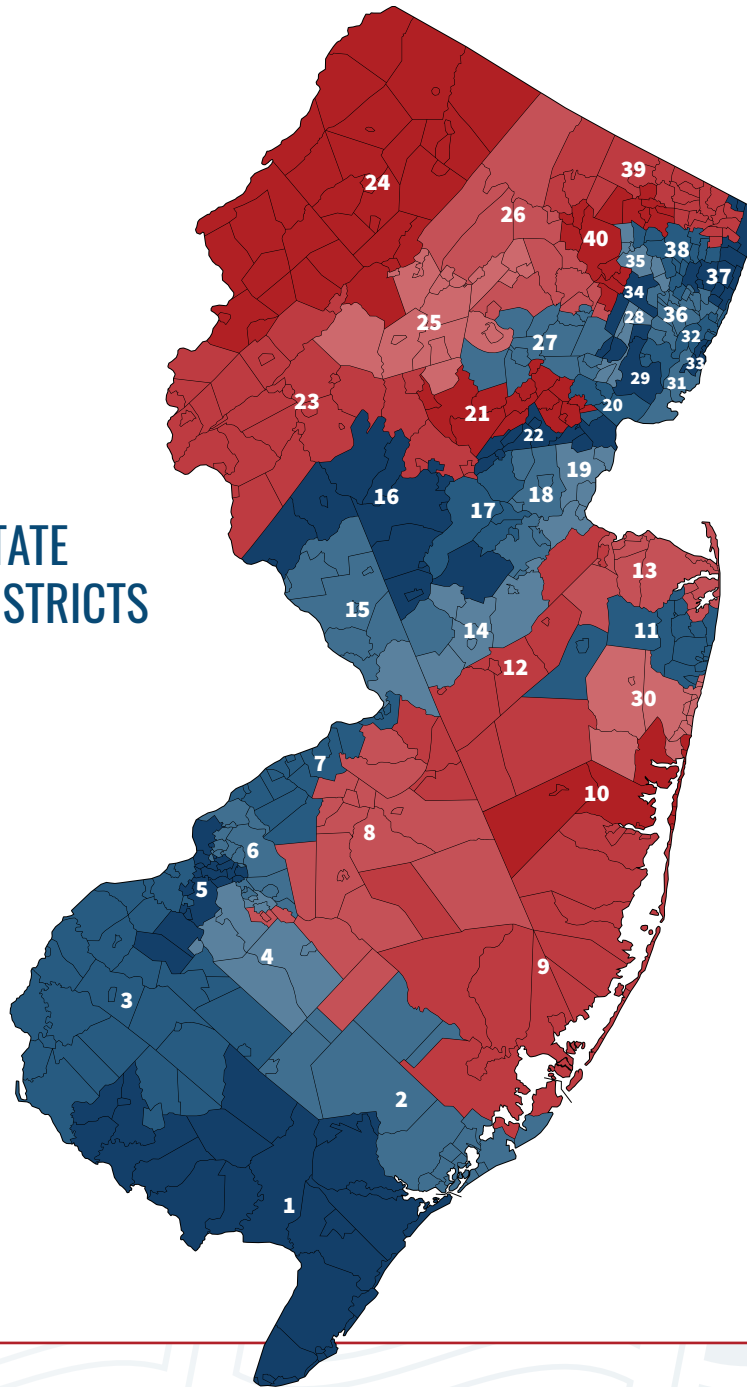
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District	Representative	S1569	A5508 / S3804	A5802 / S4103	A1504 / S1072	A312 / S2682	SCR183	A1380 / S1126	Grade
29	Senator Teresa M Ruiz (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Eliana Pintor Marin (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Shanique Speight (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	D
30	Senator Robert W. Singer (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
	Assm Sean Kean (R)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
	Assm Edward Thompson (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
31	Senator Sandra Cunningham (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Nicholas Chiaravalotti (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Angela McKnight (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
32	Senator Nicholas J. Sacco (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Angelica Jimenez (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Pedro Meija (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
33	Senator Brian Stack (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Annette Chaparro (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Raj Mukherji (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	D
34	Senator Nia H. Gill, Esq. (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Thomas P. Giblin (D)	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	C
	Assw Britnee Timberlake (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	C-
35	Senator Nellie Pou (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Shavonda Sumter (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Benjie Wimberly (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
36	Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	C-
	Assm Clinton Calabrese (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Gary S. Schaer (D)	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	C
37	Senator Loretta Weinberg (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm Gordon M. Johnson (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	D
	Assw Valerie Vainieri Huttie (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
38	Senator Joseph Lagana (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assw Lisa Swain (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
	Assm P. Christopher Tully (D)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	D
39	Senator Gerald Cardinale (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	A
	Assm Robert Auth (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
	Assw Holly Schepisi (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	B
40	Senator Kristin Corrado (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
	Assm Christopher DePhillips (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	A
	Assm Kevin Rooney (R)	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	B

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