

2019-2020



ACLU of Pennsylvania LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

NOTE FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, ELIZABETH RANDOL

In 2019, we doubled our legislative team when Marianne Stein joined us as our new Legislative Associate. Marianne manages our legislative coalition work and assists with our lobbying efforts "under the dome." Welcome, Marianne!

This session began like most others but dramatically changed when COVID-19 arrived. New rules enabling proxy voting and virtual meetings allowed the General Assembly to continue its work. And while the pandemic limited our in-person contact with legislators and staff, it did not slow us—or our supporters—down.

Together, we celebrated long overdue election reform, we beat back fake probation reform, put a spotlight on the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission, participated in three lobby days, testified at six hearings, and published a [report](#) on the legislature's relentless expansion of the crimes code. You made this happen, and we thank you for your tireless support!

Purpose of the scorecard

The ACLU of Pennsylvania's interactive scorecard is designed to let you know how your state legislators voted on a variety of civil rights and civil liberties issues during the 2019–2020 session. Pennsylvania's legislature has two-year sessions, which means that bills introduced in the first year of session carry over to the second year.

Bills we score

In order to better reflect the scope of our lobbying efforts (much of which happens early and at multiple stages throughout the legislative process), we score final floor votes in each chamber and also include key committee and amendment votes on priority bills. By the time a bill reaches the floor for a final vote, much of the deliberative work has already been done. Scoring these additional votes offers a more nuanced depiction of the decisions each legislator made throughout the process.

How scores are calculated

Each score is calculated as a percentage out of 100%. Because not all legislation is considered in both chambers, the Senate and House will not have the same number of opportunities to vote on scored bills or amendments. The same is true for members of the same chamber who vote on scored bills in committee. These differences are factored into our final scorecard calculation.

The highest score in the House this session was **96%**. The highest score in the Senate this session was **70%**.

2019–2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Days in session	246	Bills ACLU-PA tracked	457
Bills filed	4195	ACLU-PA bill position memos	48
Bills enacted	264	Calls & letters to legislators	674
Bills vetoed	16	Emails to legislators	20,956

Senator	PA Chamber	Party	Senate District	ACLU-PA Score
				% out of 100
Haywood, Arthur	Senate	D	SD-4	70.3%
Muth, Katie	Senate	D	SD-44	69.7%
Street, Sharif	Senate	D	SD-3	64.5%
Leach, Daylin	Senate	D	SD-17	61.3%
Arnold, David	Senate	R	SD-48	61.1%
Williams, Lindsey	Senate	D	SD-38	60.6%
Hughes, Vincent	Senate	D	SD-7	59.7%
Kearney, Timothy	Senate	D	SD-26	59.7%
Iovino, Pamela	Senate	D	SD-37	58.6%
Blake, John	Senate	D	SD-22	58.1%
Boscola, Lisa	Senate	D	SD-18	58.1%
Costa, Jay	Senate	D	SD-43	58.1%
Schwank, Judith	Senate	D	SD-11	58.1%
Williams, Anthony	Senate	D	SD-8	57.6%
Farnese, Lawrence	Senate	D	SD-1	56.2%
Dinniman, Andrew	Senate	D	SD-19	54.8%
Laughlin, Daniel	Senate	R	SD-49	54.8%
Tartaglione, Christine	Senate	D	SD-2	54.8%
Collett, Maria	Senate	D	SD-12	54.4%
Baker, Lisa	Senate	R	SD-20	53.1%
Argall, David	Senate	R	SD-29	51.6%
Aument, Ryan	Senate	R	SD-36	51.6%
Brooks, Michele	Senate	R	SD-50	51.6%
Browne, Patrick	Senate	R	SD-16	51.6%
Corman, Jake	Senate	R	SD-34	51.6%
Fontana, Wayne	Senate	D	SD-42	51.6%
Hutchinson, Scott	Senate	R	SD-21	51.6%
Killion, Thomas	Senate	R	SD-9	51.6%
Mensch, Bob	Senate	R	SD-24	51.6%
Scavello, Mario	Senate	R	SD-40	51.6%
Tomlinson, Robert	Senate	R	SD-6	51.6%
Vogel, Elder	Senate	R	SD-47	51.6%
Ward, Kim	Senate	R	SD-39	51.6%
Yudichak, John	Senate	I	SD-14	51.6%
DiSanto, Giovanni	Senate	R	SD-15	51.5%
Phillips-Hill, Kristin	Senate	R	SD-28	51.5%
Stefano, Patrick	Senate	R	SD-32	51.5%
Ward, Judith	Senate	R	SD-30	51.5%
Bartolotta, Camera	Senate	R	SD-46	50%
Gordner, John	Senate	R	SD-27	50%
Langerholc, Wayne	Senate	R	SD-35	50%
Martin, Scott	Senate	R	SD-13	50%
Mastriano, Douglas	Senate	R	SD-33	50%
Regan, Michael	Senate	R	SD-31	50%
Sabatina, John	Senate	D	SD-5	50%
Santarsiero, Steven	Senate	D	SD-10	50%
Scarnati, Joseph	Senate	R	SD-25	50%
Yaw, Gene	Senate	R	SD-23	50%
Pittman, Joseph	Senate	R	SD-41	48.1%
Brewster, James	Senate	D	SD-45	46.8%

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				% out of 100
Rabb, Christopher	House	D	HD-200	96.3%
Vitali, Greg	House	D	HD-166	93.8%
Lee, Summer	House	D	HD-34	93.5%
Burgos, Danilo	House	D	HD-197	87.5%
Miller, Dan	House	D	HD-42	87%
DeLissio, Pamela	House	D	HD-194	85.7%
Green, Gwendolyn	House	D	HD-190	85.7%
Fiedler, Elizabeth	House	D	HD-184	85.4%
Innamorato, Sara	House	D	HD-21	85.4%
Sims, Brian	House	D	HD-182	83.7%
Dawkins, Jason	House	D	HD-179	83.3%
Gainey, Edward	House	D	HD-24	82.3%
Wheatley, Jake	House	D	HD-19	82.3%
Hohenstein, Joseph	House	D	HD-177	81.6%
Isaacson, Mary	House	D	HD-175	81.2%
McCarter, Stephen	House	D	HD-154	79.6%
Roebuck, James	House	D	HD-188	79.2%
Daley, Mary Jo	House	D	HD-148	77.5%
Fitzgerald, Isabella	House	D	HD-203	77.5%
Frankel, Dan	House	D	HD-23	77.5%
Kinsey, Stephen	House	D	HD-201	77.5%
Cephas, Morgan	House	D	HD-192	77.1%
Sanchez, Ben	House	D	HD-153	77.1%
Kirkland, Brian	House	D	HD-159	76%
Kenyatta, Malcolm	House	D	HD-181	76.5%
McClinton, Joanna	House	D	HD-191	76.5%
Bullock, Donna	House	D	HD-195	75%
Schweyer, Peter	House	D	HD-22	75%
Harris, Jordan	House	D	HD-186	75.5%
Solomon, Jared	House	D	HD-202	75.5%
Youngblood, Rosita	House	D	HD-198	74.5%
Davidson, Margo	House	D	HD-164	72.9%
Davis, Austin	House	D	HD-35	70.8%
Otten, Danielle	House	D	HD-155	70.8%
Schlossberg, Michael	House	D	HD-132	70.8%
Williams, Dan	House	D	HD-74	70.8%
Zabel, Michael	House	D	HD-163	70.4%
Briggs, Timothy	House	D	HD-149	68.5%
Cruz, Angel	House	D	HD-180	67.7%
Hill-Evans, Carol	House	D	HD-95	67.7%
Boyle, Kevin	House	D	HD-172	67.3%
Bradford, Matthew	House	D	HD-70	67.3%

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Sturla, Michael	House	D	HD-96	67.3%
Howard, Kristine	House	D	HD-167	66.7%
Kim, Patty	House	D	HD-103	66.7%
Ravenstahl, Adam	House	D	HD-20	66.7%
Webster, Joseph	House	D	HD-150	65.3%
Deasy, Daniel	House	D	HD-27	64.6%
Donatucci, Maria	House	D	HD-185	63.3%
Comitta, Carolyn	Senate	D	HD-156	62.5%
Hanbidge, Liz	House	D	HD-61	62.5%
McNeill, Jeanne	House	D	HD-133	61.2%
Delloso, David	House	D	HD-162	60.4%
Dermody, Frank	House	D	HD-33	59.2%
Krueger, Leanne	House	D	HD-161	58.3%
Warren, Perry	House	D	HD-31	58.3%
Shusterman, Melissa	House	D	HD-157	57.4%
Pashinski, Eddie	House	D	HD-121	56.2%
Rozzi, Mark	House	D	HD-126	56.2%
Samuelson, Steve	House	D	HD-135	56.2%
Madden, Maureen	House	D	HD-115	55.2%
Neilson, Ed	House	D	HD-174	55.2%
Ciresi, Joseph	House	D	HD-146	55.1%
Flynn, Marty	House	D	HD-113	54.2%
Freeman, Robert	House	D	HD-136	54.2%
Mullins, Kyle	House	D	HD-112	54.2%
O'Mara, Jennifer	House	D	HD-165	54.2%
Conklin, Scott	House	D	HD-77	53.1%
Driscoll, Michael	House	D	HD-173	53.1%
Galloway, John	House	D	HD-140	53.1%
Ullman, Wendy	House	D	HD-143	53.1%
Caltagirone, Thomas	House	D	HD-127	52.1%
Malagari, Steve	House	D	HD-53	52.1%
Matzie, Robert	House	D	HD-16	52.1%
Merski, Bob	House	D	HD-2	52.1%
Harkins, Patrick	House	D	HD-1	51%
Davis, Tina	House	D	HD-141	50%
Goodman, Neal	House	D	HD-123	49%
DeLuca, Anthony	House	D	HD-32	47.9%
Markosek, Brandon	House	D	HD-25	47.9%
Sappey, Christina	House	D	HD-158	47.9%
Tomlinson, Kathleen	House	R	HD-18	47.6%
Carroll, Michael	House	D	HD-118	46.9%

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Bizzarro, Ryan	House	D	HD-3	46.3%
Kulik, Anita	House	D	HD-45	45.8%
Readshaw, Harry	House	D	HD-36	45.8%
Kosierowski, Bridget	House	D	HD-114	45.5%
Petrarca, Joseph	House	D	HD-55	44.8%
Mullery, Gerald	House	D	HD-119	44.4%
Kortz, William	House	D	HD-38	43.8%
Sainato, Christopher	House	D	HD-9	43.8%
Snyder, Pam	House	D	HD-50	43.8%
Bonner, Timothy	House	R	HD-8	42.9%
Rowe, David	House	R	HD-85	42.9%
Burns, Frank	House	D	HD-72	41.7%
Longietti, Mark	House	D	HD-7	41.7%
Davanzo, Eric	House	R	HD-58	38.1%
Mako, Zachary	House	R	HD-183	36.5%
Schemel, Paul	House	R	HD-90	36.1%
Keller, Mark	House	R	HD-86	32.3%
Farry, Frank	House	R	HD-142	31.2%
Polinchock, Todd	House	R	HD-144	31.2%
Schroeder, Meghan	House	R	HD-29	31.2%
Mustello, Marci	House	R	HD-11	30%
Lewis, Andrew	House	R	HD-105	30.6%
Schmitt, Louis	House	R	HD-79	29.6%
Hennessey, Tim	House	R	HD-26	29.2%
Kaufer, Aaron	House	R	HD-120	29.2%
Maloney, David	House	R	HD-130	29.2%
Murt, Thomas	House	R	HD-152	29.2%
Puskaric, Michael	House	R	HD-39	29.2%
Quinn, Christopher	House	R	HD-168	29.2%
Thomas, Wendi	House	R	HD-178	29.2%
Gabler, Matt	House	R	HD-75	28.6%
Kail, Joshua	House	R	HD-15	28.6%
Borowicz, Stephanie	House	R	HD-76	27.6%
Brooks, Robert	House	R	HD-54	27.1%
Cox, Jim	House	R	HD-129	27.1%
Dunbar, George	House	R	HD-56	27.1%
Gillen, Mark	House	R	HD-128	27.1%
Gregory, James	House	R	HD-80	27.1%
Jones, Paul	House	R	HD-93	27.1%
Marshall, Jim	House	R	HD-14	27.1%
Mehaffie, Thomas	House	R	HD-106	27.1%

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Nelson, Eric	House	R	HD-57	27.1%
O'Neal, Timothy	House	R	HD-48	27.1%
Ortitay, Jason	House	R	HD-46	27.1%
Pyle, Jeffrey	House	R	HD-60	27.1%
Rader, Jack	House	R	HD-176	27.1%
Sonney, Curtis	House	R	HD-4	27.1%
Simmons, Justin	House	R	HD-131	26%
Jozwiak, Barry	House	R	HD-5	26.9%
Stephens, Todd	House	R	HD-151	26.9%
Benninghoff, Kerry	House	R	HD-171	26.5%
Masser, Kurt	House	R	HD-107	26.5%
White, Martina	House	R	HD-170	26.5%
Causer, Martin	House	R	HD-67	25%
Cook, Donald	House	R	HD-49	25%
Day, Gary	House	R	HD-187	25%
Emrick, Joe	House	R	HD-137	25%
Fritz, Jonathan	House	R	HD-111	25%
Gaydos, Valerie	House	R	HD-44	25%
Gleim, Barbara	House	R	HD-199	25%
Hahn, Marcia	House	R	HD-138	25%
Mackenzie, Ryan	House	R	HD-134	25%
Metcalfe, Daryl	House	R	HD-12	25%
Metzgar, Carl	House	R	HD-69	25%
Millard, David	House	R	HD-109	25%
Owlett, Clint	House	R	HD-68	25%
Peifer, Michael	House	R	HD-139	25%
Rapp, Kathy	House	R	HD-65	25%
Rigby, James	House	R	HD-71	25%
Roae, Brad	House	R	HD-6	25%
Struzzi, James	House	R	HD-62	25%
Tobash, Mike	House	R	HD-125	25%
Wentling, Parke	House	R	HD-17	25%
Ecker, Torren	House	R	HD-193	25%
Sankey, Tommy	House	R	HD-73	25.5%
Topper, Jesse	House	R	HD-78	25.4%
Mizgorski, Lori	House	R	HD-30	24%
Toohil, Tarah	House	R	HD-116	24.6%
Cutler, Bryan	House	R	HD-100	24.5%
Diamond, Russell	House	R	HD-102	24.5%
Dush, Cris	Senate	R	HD-66	24.5%
Grove, Seth	House	R	HD-196	24.5%

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Keefer, Dawn	House	R	HD-92	24.5%
Lawrence, John	House	R	HD-13	24.5%
Oberlander, Donna	House	R	HD-63	24.5%
Pickett, Tina	House	R	HD-110	24.5%
Reese, Mike	House	R	HD-59	24.5%
Ryan, Frank	House	R	HD-101	24.5%
Saylor, Stan	House	R	HD-94	24.5%
Hershey, Johnathan	House	R	HD-82	24.1%
Delozier, Sheryl	House	R	HD-88	23.6%
Dowling, Matthew	House	R	HD-51	23.6%
Kauffman, Rob	House	R	HD-89	23.6%
Knowles, Jerry	House	R	HD-124	23.6%
Barrar, Stephen	House	R	HD-160	22.9%
Bernstine, Aaron	House	R	HD-10	22.9%
Brown, Rosemary	House	R	HD-189	22.9%
Gillespie, Keith	House	R	HD-47	22.9%
Greiner, Keith	House	R	HD-43	22.9%
Heffley, Doyle	House	R	HD-122	22.9%
Helm, Susan	House	R	HD-104	22.9%
Irvin, Richard	House	R	HD-81	22.9%
James, Lee	House	R	HD-64	22.9%
Moul, Dan	House	R	HD-91	22.9%
Rothman, Greg	House	R	HD-87	22.9%
Warner, Ryan	House	R	HD-52	22.9%
Culver, Lynda	House	R	HD-108	22.4%
Everett, Garth	House	R	HD-84	22.4%
Miller, Brett	House	R	HD-41	22.4%
Staats, Craig	House	R	HD-145	22.4%
Wheeland, Jeff	House	R	HD-83	22.4%
Mihalek, Natalie	House	R	HD-40	22.2%
Klunk, Kate	House	R	HD-169	21.8%
Boback, Karen	House	R	HD-117	20.8%
Fee, Mindy	House	R	HD-37	20.8%
Toepel, Marcy	House	R	HD-147	20.8%
Zimmerman, David	House	R	HD-99	20.8%
Hickernell, David	House	R	HD-98	20.4%
Mentzer, Steven	House	R	HD-97	18.8%
Turzai, Mike	House	R	HD-28	15.6%

Bill #	Bill Subject	ACLU-PA Position	Bill Progress	Last Action	Bill Description	ACLU-PA Issue Area	ACLU-PA Bill Page
HB256	Penalty enhancement for assault against corrections staff	Oppose	Enacted	7/23/20	HB 256 would enhance the grading of simple assault from a misdemeanor to a felony and increases an aggravated assault against corrections staff from a second-degree to first-degree felony, punishable by up to 20 years in prison.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 256
HB257	Mandatory consecutive sentences for incarcerated people	Oppose	Crossed Over	12/26/19	HB 257 would add 11 new offenses, including misdemeanors, to the list of offenses that impose mandatory consecutive sentences if those offenses are committed against prison staff by a resident.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 257
HB276	Marsy's Law — Victim's rights constitutional amendment	Oppose	Crossed Over	6/20/19	Marsy's Law proposed a crime victims "bill of rights" amendment to the PA Constitution. But the protections it offered victims needlessly and dangerously limited well-established, constitutional due process rights of the accused.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page Marsy's Law
HB321	Abortion ban following fetal diagnosis	Oppose	Vetoed	12/17/19	HB 321 would unconstitutionally prohibit terminating a pregnancy following a fetal diagnosis of Down syndrome. Any person violating this provision could be charged with a third-degree felony.	Reproductive Freedom	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 321
HB365	Eviction without due process	Oppose	Crossed Over	9/25/19	HB 365 is intended to prevent illegal trespassing ("squatting"), but would allow police to evict people from residential properties based solely on probable cause, thereby permitting legitimate owners and occupants to be evicted from their residences without basic due process rights.	Due Process, Police Practices	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 365
HB440	Record expungement, sealing, and Clean Slate expansion	Support	Enacted	10/29/20	For people who have been pardoned, HB 440 would require that those criminal charges be automatically sealed. For those fully acquitted, those charges would be automatically expunged from their record. The bill would also expand PA's Clean Slate law by removing the obligation to pay outstanding court fines and costs (except restitution) before eligible cases can be sealed.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 440
HB503	Expansion of "tender years" hearsay exception	Oppose	Crossed Over	4/22/19	HB 503 would create a new hearsay exception to allow out-of-court statements from victims or witnesses — of any age — diagnosed with an intellectual disability or autism to be admissible as evidence in criminal or civil trials. The Tender Years Hearsay Act currently permits hearsay to be admitted only for those 12 years and younger.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 503 + HB 505
HB505	Expansion of "tender years" hearsay exception	Oppose	Crossed Over	4/22/19	Pennsylvania's Tender Years Hearsay Act allows out-of-court statements made by individuals 12 years of age or younger to be entered into evidence under specific conditions. HB 505 would significantly expand the list of offenses for which hearsay statements may be admitted, further eroding due process rights of the accused.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 503 + HB 505
HB726	Mandatory minimum sentence for offenses committed with firearms	Oppose	Crossed Over	1/23/20	HB 726 would require five-year mandatory minimum sentences for those who possess a firearm or a replica of a firearm while committing a "crime of violence" and would require that these sentences run consecutively (back-to-back) with any other sentence the court imposes.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 726
HB916	DUI penalty enhancements and electronic monitoring (Deana's Law)	Oppose	Crossed Over	11/20/20	HB 916 would mandate electronic surveillance of people before they have been convicted of a crime, would punish people who are too poor to pay monitoring costs, would impose mandatory consecutive sentences, and would further expand excessive penalties for DUI-related offenses.	Criminal Justice, Privacy	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 916
HB1170	E-Verify for construction industry	Oppose	Enacted	10/7/19	HB 1170 would expand mandatory E-Verify to the construction industry in Pennsylvania. It would impose unnecessary burdens on construction workers and businesses and would contribute to a massive government database of workers' information that could be used to facilitate additional forms of data surveillance.	Immigrants' Rights, Privacy	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1170
HB1477	Occupational licensure reform	Support	Crossed Over	1/15/20	HB 1477 would ensure that individuals with a criminal record are not automatically excluded from earning an occupational license simply because of their criminal history.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 637 + HB 1477
HB1538	Delay of parole hearings	Oppose	Enacted	11/25/20	Under current law, people are entitled to parole consideration once a year, except in very limited cases. HB 1538 would add 13 new offenses to this statute, which would require people convicted of those offenses to wait three years (instead of one year) to reapply for parole if parole was previously denied.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1538
HB1555	Probation reform	Oppose	In Committee	10/1/20	As filed, HB 1555 would have reformed how long Pennsylvanians stay on probation, eliminated some of the most burdensome conditions of probation, and reduced the amount of time served in prison for probation violations. But as amended, HB 1555 unravels all those reforms and in some cases, makes the probation system in PA worse.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1555

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HB1780	Exempts volunteer EMS and fire companies from right to know requests	Oppose	Crossed Over	9/8/20	HB 1780 would exempt the records of a volunteer fire, EMS, or rescue company from access under the Right to Know Law.	Open Government	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1780
HB1827	Penalty enhancements for aiding or causing suicide (Shawn's Law)	Oppose	Crossed Over	5/25/20	HB 1827 would enhance the penalty for causing or aiding suicide when the person who died by suicide is under 18 years old or has an intellectual disability from a second-degree to first-degree felony, which is punishable by up to 20 years in prison. Causing or aiding suicide is already heavily penalized under current law and there is nothing in the bill that requires a person to know that the person is under 18 years old or has an intellectual disability.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1827
HB1841	Police disciplinary database	Support	Enacted	7/14/20	HB 1841 would mandate background reporting and investigations for prospective law enforcement applicants and requires that those records are maintained in an electronic database. The database is accessible to law enforcement agencies to screen potential officers before hiring, which may help reduce the number of problematic and abusive police officers moving easily from one jurisdiction to another.	Police Practices	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1841
HB1850	Reinstates mandatory minimum sentences	Oppose	In Committee	10/21/20	Decades of research shows that mandatory sentences don't work — they increase prison populations and costs without deterring or reducing crime. HB 1850 would reinstate previously invalidated mandatory minimum sentences in PA for numerous, non-drug related offenses.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1850
HB1851	Mandatory minimum sentences for offenses committed with firearms	Oppose	In Committee	10/19/20	Decades of research shows that mandatory sentences don't work — they increase prison populations and costs without deterring or reducing crime. HB 1851 would create new mandatory minimum penalties for people who possess a firearm and have certain prior felony convictions, no matter how old the prior felony conviction is. The provisions of this bill are so punitive that the estimated costs to incarcerate people under its penalties were \$67.2 million after 5 years and \$366.4 million after 10 years.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1851
HB1852	Mandatory consecutive sentences	Oppose	In Committee	10/21/20	Decades of research shows that mandatory sentences don't work — they increase prison populations and costs without deterring or reducing crime. HB 1852 would require mandatory sentences for a "crime of violence" to run consecutively with any other sentence for a crime of violence that involves a different victim, even if the crime stems from the same criminal event.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1852
HB1855	Mandatory parole postponement (Markie's Law)	Oppose	Crossed Over	9/22/20	HB 1855 would keep people needlessly incarcerated by delaying consideration of parole by adding a mandatory 12-24 months to a person's minimum date of release, depending on the offense.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1855
HB1890	Disposition of fetal remains	Oppose	Crossed Over	11/22/19	HB 1890 would mandate hospitals or clinics to arrange for ritual disposal (via burial or cremation) of all medical tissue from a miscarriage or abortion, no matter how early in the pregnancy. Current law already requires the bill's procedures for pregnancies that end after 16 weeks. By requiring ritual disposal before 16 weeks gestation, HB 1890 dangerously expands the definition of a fetus, violates a woman's privacy, and imposes undue burdens on women, their doctors, and medical facilities.	Reproductive Freedom	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1890
HB1910	Police training and PTSD screening	Support	Enacted	7/14/20	HB 1910 would provide training to officers on interacting with individuals of diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds; implicit bias training; recognizing and reporting child abuse; and annual training on the use of appropriate force. In addition, the bill would require police officers to be tested for post-traumatic stress disorder every two years and within 30 days of any lethal use-of-force incident.	Police Practices	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 1910
HB2056	Aggravated assault against people with disabilities (Cody's Law)	Oppose	Crossed Over	5/25/20	HB 2056 would eliminate the requirement to cause or attempt to cause "serious bodily injury" and allow prosecutors to charge an assault as aggravated whenever a simple assault is committed against a person with a physical or intellectual disability. In other words, it treats a simple assault as aggravated, increasing the penalties from up to 2 years in prison for a second-degree misdemeanor to up to 10 years for a second-degree felony.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 2056
HB2342	Expansion of "tender years" hearsay exception	Oppose	Crossed Over	6/29/20	Pennsylvania's Tender Years Hearsay Act is a hearsay exception that allows out-of-court statements made by individuals 12 years of age or younger to be entered into evidence under specific conditions. HB 2342 would uniformly expand the Tender Years Hearsay Act to allow the introduction of hearsay statements made by people 16 years of age or younger, further eroding the due process right to confront one's accuser.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 2342

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HB2463	Right to Know access during disaster declarations	Support	Enacted	7/27/20	HB 2463 would ensure that the Right to Know Law remains in effect during disaster declarations. The bill would require commonwealth agencies to continue to follow procedures established by the Office of Open Records, even if they are otherwise closed due to the emergency declaration.	Open Government	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 2463
HB2530	Religious restrictions during disaster declarations	Oppose	Crossed Over	10/2/20	HB 2530 would amend Pennsylvania's Religious Freedom Protection Act to prevent any order under a disaster declaration from restricting religious assembly. While the ACLU-PA would not normally oppose a protection of religious exercise, this bill attempts to establish religious assembly as an absolute right, which would likely violate both the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions.	Religious Liberty	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 2530
HB2626	Election administration	Oppose	Crossed Over	9/9/20	HB 2626 would include some beneficial updates to the recent election reforms under Act 77 of 2019. But it would also implement last minute changes before the 2020 general election, including eliminating ballot drop boxes, allowing out-of-county PA electors to serve as poll watchers, and moving the deadline to request an absentee or mail ballot a week earlier, creating needless confusion and potential disenfranchisement of voters.	Voting Rights	ACLU-PA Bill Page HB 2626
HR1032	House Select Committee on Election Integrity	Oppose	In Committee	10/19/20	HR 1032 would create a House select committee with subpoena power, charged with investigating, reviewing and making recommendations concerning the regulation and conduct of the 2020 general election. The powers delegated to this select committee were broad and its provisions poorly defined, creating a dangerous mechanism for legislative election interference.	Voting Rights	ACLU-PA Bill Page HR 1032
HR1100	Legislative audit of 2020 general election	Oppose	Enacted	11/19/20	HR 1100 would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to coordinate an audit of ballots canvassed in the 2020 general election. While the ACLU-PA strongly supports measures that ensure greater transparency and accuracy in election tallies, this rushed resolution would not only duplicate elements of existing audits, but its parameters appear to be constructed to "prove" a pre-determined outcome.	Voting Rights	ACLU-PA Bill Page HR 1100
SB14	Probation reform	Oppose	Crossed Over	7/22/20	As amended, SB 14 would change current law in ways that risk making probation worse in Pennsylvania by making it easier for judges to incarcerate people after revoking their probation, increasing the length of incarceration for technical violations, and allowing judges to keep people on probation indefinitely, including those who are too poor to pay their restitution in full.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 14
SB351	Expansion of protected employment under aggravated assault statute	Oppose	Enacted	7/1/20	SB 351 would add "health practitioner or technician" to the list of 38 officers or employees to Pennsylvania's aggravated assault statute, which grades a simple assault as aggravated. Ceaselessly expanding this list would all but render the offense of simple assault meaningless. It metes out greater punishment based not on the intent or severity of the assault, but rather on the employment status of the victim.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 351
SB421	Comprehensive voting reform	Support	Enacted	10/31/19	SB 421 would make the most significant (and badly needed) reforms to Pennsylvania's election code in decades. Some of the bill's most important changes include: providing more time for people to register to vote and to request a mail ballot before each election; expanding ballot access by permitting vote-by-mail; and allocating \$90 million to ensure each county uses voting machines with a voter-verified paper trail.	Voting Rights	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 421
SB459	Police use of force reporting	Oppose	Crossed Over	6/29/20	Currently there is no requirement to collect or report data on police use of force incidents. While SB 459 would require some minimal reporting, the use of force report would tell us nothing about the officers responsible, which departments they work for, and who was subjected to the use of force. SB 459 does not require public disclosure of the data. It offers neither transparency nor accountability, and as a result — and by any metric — it fails as a reform measure.	Police Practices	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 459
SB469	Expansion of "tender years" hearsay exception	Oppose	Enacted	6/28/19	SB 469 would create a new hearsay exception to allow out-of-court statements from victims or witnesses — of any age — diagnosed with an intellectual disability or autism to be admissible as evidence in criminal or civil trials. The Tender Years Hearsay Act currently permits hearsay to be admitted only for those 12 years and younger.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 469
SB479	Expansion of "tender years" hearsay exception	Oppose	Enacted	6/28/19	Pennsylvania's Tender Years Hearsay Act allows out-of-court statements made by individuals 12 years of age or younger to be entered into evidence under specific conditions. SB 479 would significantly expand the list of offenses for which hearsay statements may be admitted, further eroding due process rights of the accused.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 479

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SB500	Justice Reinvestment Initiative II — County Adult Probation and Parole	Support	Enacted	12/18/19	One of three JRI II bills, SB 500 would establish the County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The Committee is tasked with funding and overseeing improvements to county probation. The bill also provides a funding mechanism to support the Justice Reinvestment Fund and county adult probation and parole departments.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 500
SB501	Justice Reinvestment Initiative II — Sentencing	Oppose	Enacted	12/18/19	One of three JRI II bills, SB 501 would impose: mandatory minimum sentences; a mandatory period of parole; an unconstitutional procedure to revoke probation and incarcerate someone without requisite due process protections; the use of a problematic risk assessment instrument; would excessively garnish residents' wage and commissary accounts; and would permit courts to revoke probation for vague threats to public safety.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 501
SB502	Justice Reinvestment Initiative II — Crime Victims Act Amendments	Support	Crossed Over	9/30/20	One of three JRI II bills, SB 502 would improve victim services and compensation. The bill expands the definition of crimes under the Crime Victims Act, improves the flow of information from law enforcement to victims, expands the statute of limitations for victim compensation, and lowers the minimum out-of-pocket loss amount required for victims to receive compensation, among other reforms.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 502
SB637	Occupational license reform	Support	Enacted	7/1/20	SB 637 would ensure that individuals with a criminal record are not automatically excluded from earning an occupational license simply because of their criminal history.	Criminal Justice	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 637 + HB 1477
SB773	DUI penalty enhancements and electronic monitoring (Deana's Law)	Oppose	Crossed Over	10/20/20	Known as "Deana's Law," SB 773 would mandate surveillance of people before they have been convicted of a crime, risks punishing people who are too poor to pay monitoring costs, imposes mandatory consecutive sentences, and further expands penalties for DUI-related offenses.	Criminal Justice, Privacy	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 773
SB1110	Release of protected health information to first responders	Support	Enacted	11/3/20	SB 1110 aims to assist public safety personnel by sharing the address of anyone who tests positive for a communicable disease that is the subject of a disaster declaration. Health departments would share addresses with a confirmed positive case to 911 centers. This means that dispatch centers are the only entities that receive this data and it is only shared with public safety personnel when they are responding to a call at that address.	Privacy	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 1110
SB1119	Judicial emergency guidance — Tolling the Statute of Limitations for civil and criminal cases	Support	Crossed Over	4/29/20	In response to court closures resulting from the COVID-19 emergency, SB 1119 would suspend all time calculations relevant to court cases and would provide additional time for the filing of any necessary pleadings or other judicial business through April 30, 2020.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 1119
SB1120	Judicial emergency guidance — Time extension for responding to a citation or paying fines, costs, or restitution	Support	Crossed Over	4/29/20	In response to court closures resulting from the COVID-19 emergency, SB 1120 would extend the amount of time individuals have to respond to a citation or to pay fines, costs, or restitution. In-person payments would not be mandatory and if a payment is missed, a court hearing must be held to determine if a default has occurred.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 1120
SB1128	Judicial emergency guidance — Limiting the ability to suspend an operating license	Support	Crossed Over	5/13/20	In response to court closures resulting from the COVID-19 emergency, SB 1128 would limit the ability of the Commonwealth to suspend a license during the emergency declaration. Licenses could not be suspended until the court holds a hearing and a decision is rendered.	Criminal Justice, Due Process	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 1128
SB1205	Police use of force policies	Support	Crossed Over	6/29/20	SB 1205 would require each police department to adopt a use-of-force policy, train officers in it, and release the policy to the public. It also limits, but does not ban, chokehold restraints.	Police Practices	ACLU-PA Bill Page SB 1205