# LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

219<sup>™</sup> New Jersey Legislature

2020-2021





# INTRODUCTION

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share this report card for the 2020-2021 New Jersey state legislature. Here is a snapshot of how lawmakers voted on key social and moral legislation related to the right to life and parental rights in education.

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 two major bills that passed in the New Jersey Assembly and Senate during the 2020-2021 Legislative Session. 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.)

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,



**Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey** 

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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, family, and education. Lawmakers' voting records are based on two bills that came before the New Jersey Assembly and Senate.

Bills that never passed a legislative committee vote are not included. These bills are listed in the "Sponsors of Bills" section of this scorecard. There were many positive bills that Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey lobbied in support of.

The chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Education Committees; the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee; and the Assembly Women and Children Committee did not allow these bills to be heard, debated, or discussed.

# **VOTE DESCRIPTIONS**

These bills were **OPPOSED** by Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey.

#### A4454

### Mandated lessons on transgenderism and sexual orientation to be taught starting in kindergarten

**Overview:** Requires boards of education to include diversity lessons on gender identity and same-sex attractions, beginning in kindergarten. Families are not easily able to opt out of these lessons because the law states these lessons can be placed in multiple subjects of learning. Opt-out provisions in New Jersey are limited to family life education in health class.

The Assembly **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:

(46) YES (29) NO (4) Abstain or Not Voting

The Senate PASSED the bill by a vote of

(26) YES | (13) NO | (1) Abstain or Not Voting

#### **S49**

### **Reproductive Choice Act**

**Overview:** This bill replaced the infamous Reproductive Freedom Act during the last week of the legislative session. It codified into law the right to abort a baby up to the moment of birth. The language of the bill seeks to prohibit any future pro-life laws in New Jersey.

The Assembly **PASSED** the bill by a vote of:

(45) YES | (24) NO | (11) Abstain or Not Voting

The Senate PASSED the bill by a vote of

(23) YES (15) NO (2) Abstain or Not Voting

### LEGISLATOR VOTES

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	A4454	\$49
	(R) Senator Michael Testa	NO	NO
_	(R) Assm Antwan McClellan	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Erik Simonsen	NO	NO
2	(R) Senator Chris Brown	YES	NO*
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm John Armato	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Vincent Mazzeo	YES	YES
	(D) Senator Stephen Sweeney	YES	YES 😽
က	( <b>D</b> ) Assm John Burzichelli	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Adam Taliaferro	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Fred Madden, Jr.	YES	NO
4	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Paul Moriarty	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Gabriela Mosquera	YES	Abstain
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Nilsa Cruz Perez	YES	YES
2	( <b>D</b> ) Assm William Moen Jr.	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm William Spearman	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator James Beach	YES	YES
9	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Louis Greenwald	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Pamela Lampitt	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Troy Singleton	YES	YES
_	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Herb Conaway	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Carol Murphy	YES 💮	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Dawn Marie Addiego	YES	YES
$\infty$	(R) Assw Jean Stanfield	NO	Abstain
	(R) Assm Ryan Peters	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Christopher Connors	NO	NO
6	(R) Assw DiAnne Gove	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Brian Rumpf	NO	NO
	(R) Senator James Holzapfel	NO	NO
0	(R) Assm Gregory McGuckin	NO	NO
	(R) Assm John Catalano	NO	NO
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Vin Gopal	YES	YES 🔀
<u></u>	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Joann Downey	YES	YES
•	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Eric Houghtaling	YES	YES
	(R) Senator Samuel Thompson	NO	NO
2	(R) Assm Robert Clifton	NO	NO
<del>-</del>	(R) Assm Ron Dancer	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Declan O'Scanlon	NO	NO
3	(R) Assw Serena DiMaso	NO	NO
•	(R) Assm Gerry Scharfenberger	NO	NO
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Linda Greenstein	YES	YES
4	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Daniel Benson	YES	YES
<del>-</del>	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Wayne DeAngelo	YES	Abstain

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	A4454	\$49
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Shirley Turner	YES	YES
15	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Verlina Reynolds-Jackson	YES 🈿	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Anthony Verrelli	YES 😿	YES
	(R) Senator Kip Bateman	NO	NO
16	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Roy Freiman	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Andrew Zwicker	YES	YES
	(D) Senator Bob Smith	YES 😿	YES
17	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Joseph Danielsen	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Joseph Egan	YES	Abstain
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Patrick Diegnan, Jr.	YES	YES
200	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Robert Karabinchak	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Sterley Stanley	**	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Joseph Vitale	YES	YES
19	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Craig Coughlin	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Yvonne Lopez	YES	YES
	(D) Senator Joseph Cryan	YES	YES
20	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Jamel Holley	NO	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Annette Quijano	YES	Not Voting
	(R) Senator Thomas Kean Jr.	NO	NO
21	(R) Assm Jon Bramnick	NO	Abstain
	(R) Assw Nancy Munoz	NO	Abstain
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Nicholas Scutari	YES	YES
22	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Linda Carter	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm James Kennedy	YES	YES
	(R) Senator Michael Doherty	NO	NO
23	(R) Assm John DiMaio	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Erik Peterson	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Stephen Oroho	NO	NO
24	(R) Assm Parker Space	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Harold Wirths	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Anthony Bucco	NO	NO
25	(R) Assw Aura Dunn	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Brian Bergen	NO	NO
	(R) Senator Joseph Pennacchio	NO	NO
26	(R) Assw BettyLou DeCroce	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Jay Webber	NO	NO
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Richard Codey	YES 😸	YES
27	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Mila Jasey	YES	YES 🚓
2	( <b>D</b> ) Assm John McKeon	YES	YES
	(D) Senator Ronald Rice	YES	YES
28	(D) Senator Ronald Rice (D) Assm Ralph Caputo	YES Not Voting	YES YES

DISTRICT	REPRESENTATIVE	A4454	\$49
DISTRICT	<b>.</b>		
6	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Teresa Ruiz	YES 😠	YES
29	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Eliana Pintor Marin	Not Voting	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Shanique Speight	YES	YES
	(R) Senator Robert Singer	NO	NO
30	(R) Assm Sean Kean	NO	NO
	(R) Assm Edward Thomson	NO	NO
31	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Sandra Cunningham	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Nicholas Chiaravalloti	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Angela McKnight	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Nicholas Sacco	YES	YES
32	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Angelica Jimenez	YES	Not Voting
	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Pedro Meija	YES	YES
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Brian Stack	YES	YES
33	( <b>D</b> ) Assw Annette Chaparro	YES	YES
(-)	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Raj Mukherji	YES	YES 💍
	( <b>D</b> ) Senator Nia Gill	YES	YES
34	(D) Assm Thomas Giblin	YES	Abstain
က	(D) Assw Britnee Timberlake	Not Voting	
	(D) Senator Nellie Pou	YES	YES
2		123	123
35		· WEC	
(+)	(D) Assw Shavonda Sumter	YES	YES
(4)	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Benjie Wimberly	YES	YES
		<b>*</b>	
36	( <b>D</b> ) Assm Benjie Wimberly	YES	YES
	(D) Assm Benjie Wimberly (D) Senator Paul A. Sarlo	YES YES	YES YES
	(D) Assm Benjie Wimberly (D) Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D) Assm Clinton Calabrese	YES YES YES	YES YES YES
	(D) Assm Benjie Wimberly (D) Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D) Assm Clinton Calabrese (D) Assm Gary Schaer	YES YES YES Not Voting	YES YES YES Abstain
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36	(D) Assm Benjie Wimberly (D) Senator Paul A. Sarlo (D) Assm Clinton Calabrese (D) Assm Gary Schaer (D) Senator Loretta Weinberg (D) Assm Gordon Johnson	YES YES YES Not Voting YES YES	YES YES YES Abstain Not Voting
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Bill Co-Sponsor

<sup>\*</sup> Senator Polistina replaced Senator Brown

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assembly seat not yet filled by Assm Stanley

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Senator Schepisi replaced Senator Cardinale
\*\*\*\* Assw DeFuccio replaced Assw Schepisi

# SPONSORS OF BILLS

#### These bills were **SUPPORTED** by Family Policy Alliance of New Jersey.

#### A3000/S3002

Provides that public school parent who objects to learning material or activity that parent considers harmful may receive voucher from school district to enroll student in nonpublic school.



Assembly Primary Sponsor: Assemblyman Robert Auth (R) District 39

**Senate Primary Sponsors:** Senator Michael Testa (R) District 1, Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24



Assembly Co-Sponsors: Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R)
District 23, Assemblyman Gerry Scharfenberger (R)
District 13, Assemblyman John Catalano (R) District 10,
Assemblyman Greg McGuckin (R) District 10,
Assemblyman John Di

**Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Michael Doherty (R) District 23, Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R) District 26

#### **ACR193/SCR129**

Opposes State Board of Education revised New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education on sex education adopted on June 3, 2020.



**Assembly Primary Sponsors:** Assemblyman Harold Wirths (R) District 24, Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24, Assemblyman Ronald Dancer (R) District 12

**Senate Primary Sponsors:** Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24, Senator Michael Testa (R) District 1



**Assembly Co-Sponsors:** Assemblyman Greg McGuckin (R) District 10, Assemblyman John Catalano (R) District 10, Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove (R) District 9, Assemblyman Brian Rumpf (R) District 9

**Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Michael Doherty (R) District 23, Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10, Senator Robert Singer (R) District 30, Senator Christopher Connors (R) District 9

#### A5827/S3875

Requires public schools to post curriculum plans online; requires school districts to make textbooks or other materials used in implementing curriculum plans available for inspection by parents and legal guardians.



' **Assembly Primary Sponsor:** Assemblywoman Aura Dunn (R) District 25

**Senate Primary Sponsors:** Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R) District 26, Senator Kristin Corrado (R) District 40



Assembly Co-Sponsors: Assemblyman Erik Simonsen (R)
District 1, Assemblyman Antwan McClellan (R) District 1,
Assemblyman Greg McGuckin (R) District 10, Assemblyman
John Catalano (R) District 10, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney
(R) District 40

Senate Co-Sponsor: Senator James Holzapfel (R) District 10

#### A2228/S429

Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act — bans abortion 20-weeks or more after fertilization.



**Assembly Primary Sponsor:** Assemblyman Ronald Dancer (R) District 12

**Senate Primary Sponsors:** Senator Steven Oroho (R) District 24, Senator Joseph Pennacchio (R) District 26



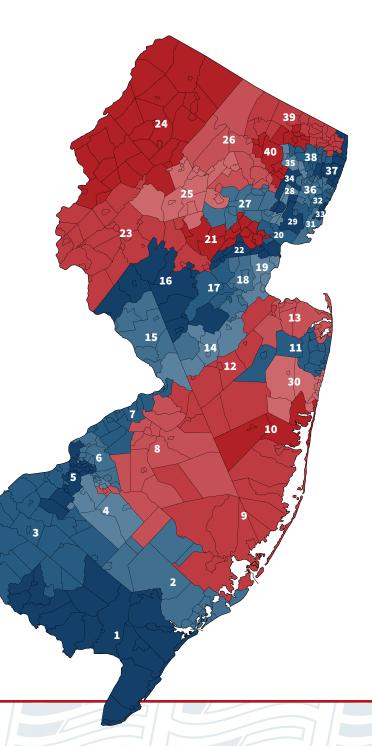
Assembly Co-Sponsors: Assemblyman Robert Auth (R) District 39, Assemblyman Erik Peterson (R) District 23, Assemblyman Parker Space (R) District 24, Assemblyman John DiMaio (R) District 23, Assemblyman Sean Kean (R) District 30, Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce (R) District 26, Assemblyman Harold Wirths (R) District 24, Assemblyman Jay Webber (R) District 26, Assemblyman Christopher DePhillips (R) District 40, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney (R) District 40

**Senate Co-Sponsors:** Senator Michael Doherty (R) District 23, Senator Robert Singer (R) District 30, Senator Anthony Bucco (R) District 25

### NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

2011-2022

This map reflects the legislative districts from 2011-2022. New legislative districts have been drawn and approved for the upcoming state legislative races in 2023.



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