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IN THE STATES & LOCALITIES

A Report on Legislative Victories and Defeats in 2013



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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to offer *Progress in the States & Localities*, a report that highlights this year’s major progressive victories—and some heartbreaking defeats—in jurisdictions across the nation. We intend this as a practical resource providing lawmakers and grassroots activists with winning progressive policies that they can replicate, as well as warning of regressive measures that might be coming.



Despite the continued vitality of the right wing American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), progressive state and local lawmakers had a good year in 2013, winning more than 100 major victories. With the partisan stalemate at the federal level, state and local elected officials are now at the forefront of the progressive movement, enacting the nation’s most far-reaching, visionary measures. Both states and localities are now “laboratories of democracy.”

We are proud of the roles that our groups are playing in this effort. With 1,300 model and exemplary laws, ALICE is the only online source for easy-to-use state and local policy toolkits on a wide range of issues. With 13,000 state and local elected officials, the Public Leadership Institute has by far the largest network of progressive lawmakers.

Our joint mission is to strengthen the capacity of these lawmakers, as well as local candidates and activists. With the materials we produce and distribute, we help them take the offensive with values-based policies that address our nation’s most pressing problems.

We wish the best of luck to all our allies in 2014 and beyond. Your courage, sacrifice and hard work inspire all of us at ALICE and PLI, and we dedicate this report to you.

Sincerely,

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Civil Rights

Anti-discrimination—Kirkville, Missouri

Ordinance 12077

Anti-discrimination law that includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

Anti-discrimination—San Antonio, Texas

Ordinance 10799

Anti-discrimination law that includes sexual orientation, gender identity and veteran status.

Anti-discrimination—Frankfort, Kentucky

Fairness Ordinance

Anti-discrimination law that includes sexual orientation and gender identity.

Civil Unions—Colorado

SB 11 by Sen. Pat Steadman & Lucia Guzman

Legalizes civil unions.

Civil Unions—Sedona, Arizona

Sedona became the fourth Arizona city to recognize same-sex civil unions.

Conversion Therapy—New Jersey

AB 3371 by Assm. Timothy Eustace

Bans licensed therapists from conversion therapy, trying to turn gay teenagers straight.

Fair Pay—New Mexico

HB 216 by Rep. Brian Egolf

Prohibits sex discrimination in pay for work where jobs require the same levels of skill, effort and responsibility.

Health Insurance Equality—Vermont

HB 315 by Rep. Patti Komline

Requires that health insurance coverage provided to Vermont residents who work for out-of-state employers cannot discriminate against same-sex spouses.

Human Trafficking—Florida

HB 1325 & HB 1327 by Rep. Ross Spano

Allows courts to expunge certain crimes for the victims of human trafficking and protects the expunged records from public disclosure.

Marriage Equality—Delaware

HB 75 by Rep. Melanie George Smith

Legalizes marriage for same-sex couples.

Marriage Equality—Hawaii

SB 1 by Sen. Brickwood Galuteria

Legalizes marriage for same-sex couples.

Marriage Equality—Illinois

SB 10 by Sen. Heather Steans & Rep. Greg Harris

Legalizes marriage for same-sex couples.

Marriage Equality—Minnesota

HF 1054 by Rep. Karen Clark & Sen. Scott Dibble

Legalizes marriage for same-sex couples.

Marriage Equality—Rhode Island

SB 38 by Sen. Donna Nesselbush

Legalizes marriage for same-sex couples.

Transgender rights in school—California

AB 1266 Assm. Tom Ammiano

Allows transgender students to fully participate in all school activities, sports teams, programs, and facilities that match their gender identity.

Transgender right to birth certificate—California

AB 1121 by Assm. Toni Atkins

Makes it easier for transgender people to get a new birth certificate with sex and name alterations.



Economic Security

Consumer Debt—California

SB 233 by Sen. Mark Leno

Requires a company that buys consumer debt to make certain documents available to the debtor before attempting to collect, and sets rules for settlement agreements and court proceedings.

Consumer Debt—Minnesota

HF 80 by Rep. Debra Hilstrom

Requires a company that buys consumer debt to submit specific documents to a court before a judge can declare that the individual defaulted on the debt.

Home Care Consumer Protection—California

AB 1217 Assm. Bonnie Lowenthal

The Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act creates a regulatory structure for private homecare to better protect consumers.

Mortgage Foreclosure—Nevada

SB 321 by Sen. Justin Jones

Penalizes banks that violate mortgage foreclosure procedures and gives borrowers a private right of action.

Mortgage Foreclosure—Lynn, Massachusetts

Lynn Bill of Rights by Councilors Timothy Phelan & Peter Capano

Penalizes banks that violate mortgage foreclosure procedures and gives borrowers a private right of action.

Mortgage Foreclosure—Minnesota

SF 1276 by Sen. Patricia Torres Ray

Requires mortgage lenders to notify borrowers of loss mitigation services before commencing foreclosure proceedings.

Mortgage Foreclosure—Vermont

HB 431 by Rep. Suzi Wizenaty

Expands and strengthens a statewide mortgage foreclosure mediation program.

Payday Lending—Hawaii

SB 598 by Sen. Gilbert Kabele

Cracks down on payday lending by limiting cumulative fees and restricting repayment plans.

Public Assistance Payments—California

AB 1280 by Assm. John Perez

Increases consumer protections and limits bank fees for people who receive public assistance or unemployment insurance payments through direct deposit or a prepaid card.

Public Benefit Corporations—Delaware

SB 47 by Sen. Dave Sokola

Allows the creation of “public benefit corporations” that are designed to be responsible, accountable and transparent to the public.

Mortgage Foreclosure—Michigan

SB 383 by Sen. Darwin Booher

Reduces the time for homeowners to redeem a loan and prevent foreclosure from 6 months to 60 days.



Economic & Workforce Development

Buy American—Texas

HB 4 by Rep. Allan Ritter

Provision for water projects that establishes a preference for iron, steel and manufactured goods produced in the United States.

Buy Local—Dane County, Wisconsin

Ordinance 1 by Supervisor Jenni Dye

Establishes a public purchasing preference for locally-produced goods.

Economic Development Subsidies—California

AB 562 by Assem. Das Williams

Requires each local agency to provide specific information to the public before approving an economic development subsidy, and to review, hold hearings, and report on those subsidies at certain intervals.

Enterprise Zone Reform—California

AB 93 and SB 90 by Assem. Richard Bloom & Sen. Cathleen Galgiani

Changes the enterprise zone program to give credit only for the creation of new, good-paying jobs and includes a clawback provision for businesses that fail to meet their promises.

Keep Jobs—Colorado

HB 1292 by Rep. Pete Lee & Rep. Dan Pabon

Adds practical enforcement mechanisms to the existing state law that requires 80 percent of workers on state-funded construction projects to be residents.

Licensing Credits—Maryland

HB 225 by Governor Martin O'Malley

Requires various state licensing authorities to credit license applicants for skills demonstrated in U.S. military service.

Public Benefit Corporations—Delaware

SB 47 by Sen. David Sokola

Allows the creation of “public benefit corporations” that are designed to be responsible, accountable and transparent to the public.

Workforce Training Grants—Maryland

SB 278 by Sen. Katherine Klausmeier

Based on a Massachusetts model, this is a state-funded, competitive workforce development program that is run in a partnership with state industries.



Education

Credit Cards—New Jersey

AB 1688 by Assm. David Russo

Prohibits public colleges from helping to market credit cards to students.

School Funding Formula—California

AB 97 by the Budget Committee

School districts will receive adjusted funding based on demographic need and will have more flexibility in how to use it, with new procedural safeguards.

Healthy Food in Schools—California

AB 626 Assm. Nancy Skinner,

Raises nutrition guidelines and increases healthier options for food served in schools.

Kindergarten & Funding—Colorado

SB 213 by Sen. Millie Hammer & Sen. Mike Johnston

Increases funding for kindergarten and preschool, and provides more money for districts with the highest concentrations of at-risk and special education students.

Pay It Forward—Oregon

HB 3472 by Rep. Gene Whisnant

Sets up the study of “pay-it-forward” tuition and refers a constitutional amendment (SJR 1A) to voters in 2014. Instead of borrowing, students in state colleges would pay a small percentage of their income for 15 to 20 years.

Pre-Kindergarten—Hawaii

SB 1093 by Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

Establishes a strong statewide preschool program.

Privacy—Oklahoma

HB 1989 by Rep. David Brumbaugh & Rep. Greg Treat

The Student Data Accessibility, Transparency and Accountability Act protects the privacy of student data.

Statewide Common Core Tests—California

AB 484 by Assm. Susan Bonilla, D-Concord

Creates new standardized tests aligned with the Common Core, suspends existing tests until 2014-15. Until then, schools can choose to take a pilot test.

Testing—Texas

HB 5 by Rep. Jimmie Joe Aycock & Joe Deshotel

Reduces the number of standardized tests for high school students from 15 to 5.

Back to Basics—North Carolina

HB 146 by Rep. Pat Hurley & Harry Warren

Implements a “back to basics” law that among other things, requires teaching cursive handwriting in elementary schools.

Extra Test—Iowa

HF 604 by House Appropriations Committee

Mandates that university and college faculty administer an extra test to gauge student learning in any course with 300 students or more.

Tuition Tax Credits—Alabama

HB 84 by Rep. Chad Fincher

The Accountability Act of 2013 creates tuition tax credits for private schools.

Tuition Tax Credits—South Carolina

Amendment to state budget by Sen. Kevin Bryant

South Carolina amended their budget to include a tuition tax credit for donations to private schools.

Tuition Tax Credits—Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia

Expanded their tuition tax credit programs.

School Closings—Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C.

Several cities decided to close schools, with Chicago setting the record for most schools shut down with 50. Philadelphia will shut down 23 and Washington, D.C. 15.

Vouchers, Class Sizes, Firings—North Carolina

SB 402 by Sen. Peter Brunstetter

Creates a voucher program for low-income children to attend private and for-profit schools, eliminates class size caps, fires thousands of teacher assistants and abolishes teacher tenure.

Energy & Environment

Ban Lead Ammunition for Hunting—California

AB 711 by Assem. Anthony Rendon

Makes California the first state in the nation to prohibit the use of *all* lead ammunition for hunting.

Divestment from Fossil Fuels—Madison, Wisconsin

Resolution 30180

Requires municipal funds to divest from fossil fuels.

Divestment from Fossil Fuels—Providence, Rhode Island

Resolution by Councilman Seth Yurdin

Requires municipal funds to divest from fossil fuels.

Genetically-Engineered Foods—Connecticut

HB 6527 by Joint Children Committee

Requires genetically-engineered foods to be labeled as such.

Energy Efficiency—Maine

LD 1559 by Sen. Barry Hobbins

Improves energy efficiency, reduces greenhouse gasses, and lowers energy costs.

Environmental Disclosures—Boston, Massachusetts

Chapter VII, Section 7-2 by Mayor Thomas Menino

Requires all large and medium buildings or groups of buildings to annually disclose energy and water use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Shared Renewables Program—California

SB 43 by Sen Lois Wolk & Assem. Das Williams

Requires the state's three major utilities to offer customers the option to subscribe to a specific percentage of renewable energy that is generated from within their service territory.

Fracking Rules—California

SB 4 by Sen. Fran Pavley

Establishes a comprehensive regulatory program for oil and gas well stimulation treatments (e.g., hydraulic fracturing, acid well stimulation).

Pesticide Reporting—Maryland

HB 675 by Sen. Roger Manno

Establishes a state Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup to make recommendations by the end of 2013 for a pesticide reporting database.

Plastic Bags—Los Angeles, California

Ordinance 11-1531 by Councilman Paul Koretz

Bans single-use plastic bags, eliminating about 2 billion plastic bags given out by markets each year.

Renewable Energy & Natural Gas—Nevada

SB 123 by Sen. Kelvin Atkinson

Phases out coal and replaces it with renewable energy and natural gas.

Renewable Portfolio Standard—California

AB 327 by Assem. Henry Perea

Lifts the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) cap and allows the California Public Utilities Commission to require that utilities obtain more renewables than the current 33% RPS.

Renewable Portfolio Standards—Colorado

SB 252 by Sen. John Morse & Mark Ferrandino

Strengthens the state's renewable energy portfolio standard.

Solar Energy—Minnesota

HF 729 by Rep. Tim Mahoney

Creates a target of 1.5% of power from solar energy by 2020, with a soft goal of 10% by 2030.

Government Performance

Storm Water Management—Illinois

SB 1869 by Sen. Thomas Cullerton

Expands the ways that cities and towns can handle drainage to include environmentally-friendly facilities such as green roofs, rain gardens and porous pavement.

Toxic Chemicals—Maryland

HB 99 by Del. Jim Hubbard

Bans the flame retardant tris/TDCP/TCEP in many children's products including toys and nursing pillows.

Toxic Chemicals—Nevada

AB 354 by Assem. David Bobzien & Olivia Diaz

Bans bisphenol-a from reusable food and drink containers, as well as formula and baby food containers; also bans the sale of children's and residential furniture containing the flame retardant tris/TDCP/TCEP.

Vehicle Miles Taxation—Oregon

SB 810 by Sen. Bill Hansell

Creates a pilot program to test a substitute for the gasoline tax based on the number of miles driven by a vehicle.

Weatherization—Vermont

HB 520 by Committee on Natural Resources & Energy

Helps residents insulate their homes, save money on their heating bills, and cut down on carbon emissions.

Wetlands—Michigan

SB 163 by Sen. Michael Green

Endangers wetlands by changing existing definitions about protections and expanding permit exemptions.

Online Disclosure—Illinois

SB 2381 by Sen. Christine Radogno

Creates a searchable database of state grants to community based organizations providing services at the local level.

Online Disclosure—Utah

SB 283 by Sen. Deidre Henderson

Requires a state transparency advisory board to develop a website to publicly disclose a range of public information.

Open Data Policy—Hawaii

HB 632 by Rep. Clift Tsuji

Strengthens an existing open data policy and increases the amount of information available to the public.

Open Data Policy—San Francisco, California

Ordinance 121017 by Supervisor Mark Farrell

Strengthens an existing open data policy to speed up online disclosure of information and create a process for individual residents to see what data the city has relating to them.



Health

Immigrant Rights

Affordable Care Act—All States

So far, 25 states and D.C. have agreed to Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act and two others are seeking waivers to implement the expansion.

Concussions in School Athletics—California

AB 588 by Assem. Steve Fox

Applies to charter and private schools the public school requirement that any athlete suspected of having a concussion be immediately sidelined and kept out until evaluated by an appropriate health care provider.

Diabetes Co-Payments—Oregon

HB 2432 by Rep. Sara Gelsler

Prohibits co-payments for services, medications and supplies for management of diabetes during pregnancy and for six weeks postpartum.

End of Life Options—Vermont

SB 77 by Sen. Virginia Lyons

Allows a person diagnosed as having less than six months to live to request a prescription which, if taken, would hasten the dying process.

Medical Marijuana—Maryland

HB 1101 by Del. Dan Morhaim

Allows medical use of marijuana through a small number of tightly-regulated academic medical centers.

Mental Health Services—Colorado

SB 266 by Sen. Irene Aguilar

Creates and funds a coordinated behavioral health crisis response system.

Smoke-Free Areas—Honolulu, Hawaii

Bills 25 and 28 by Councilman Ron Menor

Bans smoking at parks, beaches and bus stops.

Tobacco Prices—New York City, New York

Ordinance 1021 by Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Raises the age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21.

Affordable Care Act—All States

So far 23 states have rejected Medicaid expansion.

Deportation—New York City, New York

Int. 0989-2012 & 0982-2012 by Councilwoman Melissa

Mark-Viverito & Christine Quinn

Restricts city law enforcement's involvement in deportations.

Election Administration—California

AB 817 by Assem. Rob Bonta

Allows an immigrant who is a permanent resident but not a citizen to serve as a precinct board member.

Fraud Against Immigrants—California

AB 1159 by Assem. Lorena Gonzalez

Cracks down on immigration consultants who get paid for the promise to help immigrants become citizens under future federal immigration reform law.

Immigrant Attorneys—California

AB 1024 by Assem. Lorena Gonzalez

Lets the state Supreme Court admit unauthorized immigrants who pass the bar exam to practice law.

Immigrants' Driver's Licenses—District of Columbia

B20-0275 by Mayor Vincent Gray

Provides access to driver's licenses without regard to immigration status.

Immigrants' Driver's Licenses—Colorado

SB 251 by Sen. Jessie Ulibarri and Jovan Melton

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Immigrants' Driver's Licenses—Illinois

SB 957 by Sen. Edward Acevedo & John Cullerton

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Immigrants' Driver's Licenses—Maryland

SB 715 by Sen. Victor Ramirez

Provides access to driver's licenses without regard to immigration status.

Immigrant's Driver's Licenses—Oregon

SB 833 by Sen. Chip Shields

Provides access to driver's licenses without regard to immigration status.

Immigrant's Driver's Licenses—Vermont

SB 38 by Sen. Philip Baruth

Provides access to driver's licenses without regard to immigration status.

Immigration-Related Retaliation for Labor Rights—California

AB 263 by Assm. Roger Hernández

Prohibits employers threatening to invoke immigration laws after workers have exercised protected labor rights.

Immigration-Related Retaliation in Wage Theft—California

AB 524 by Assm. Kevin Mullin

Criminalizes the use of immigration threats to get away with wage theft.

In-State Tuition—Colorado

SB 33 by Sen. Angela Giron & Mike Johnston

A “Dream Act” extending in-state tuition rates at public colleges to immigrants who graduate state high schools.

In-State Tuition—Minnesota

SF 723 by Sen. Sandra Pappas

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In-State Tuition—New Jersey

SB 2479 by Sen. Teresa Ruiz

A “Dream Act” extending in-state tuition rates at public colleges to immigrants who graduate state high schools.

In-State Tuition—Oregon

HB 2787 by Rep. Mike Dembrow & Sen. Peter Courtney

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Language Access—California

SB 353 by Assm. Ted Lieu

Requires health insurers to translate coverage documents into the same language they used to market or advertise the policies to individuals or small businesses.

Show Me Your Papers Repeal—Colorado

HB 1258 by Rep. Joe Salazar

Repeals a “show me your papers” requirement.

TRUST Act—California

AB 4 by Assm. Tom Ammiano

Limits when local law enforcement will respond to federal immigration requests.

TRUST Act—Connecticut

HB 6659 by Joint Judiciary Committee

Prohibits state and local law enforcement from detaining immigrants at the request of federal immigration authorities.

Infrastructure & Smart Growth

Land Bank—Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Ordinance 4 by Comm. George Hartwick

Establishes a “land bank” authority to purchase and restore blighted or foreclosed properties to a usable condition.

Mobile Homes—California

SB 510 by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson

Requires a survey of homeowners when the owner of a mobile home park seeks government permission to convert to another use.

Labor Rights & Protections

Ban the Box—California

AB 218 by Assem. Roger Dickinson

Bars government agencies from asking job applicants about criminal convictions until it is determined that the applicant meets minimum qualifications for the job.

Collective Bargaining—Minnesota

SF 778 by Sen. Sandra Pappas

Gives collective bargaining rights to child care and home care workers.

Collective Bargaining—Oregon

HB 3342 by Rep. Michael Dembrow

Prohibits state, county and local employers from using public funds to influence union organizing drives.

Collective Bargaining—Rhode Island

SB 794 by Sen. Maryellen Goodwin

Requires the state to negotiate reimbursement rates, benefits and other economic matters with home-based childcare workers who receive state subsidies.

Collective Bargaining—Vermont

SB 59 by Sen. John Campbell

Gives collective bargaining rights to home care workers.

Credit Checks—Colorado

SB 18 by Sen. Jessie Ulibarri & Randolph Fischer

Prohibits employers from requiring or performing credit checks on employees.

Criminal History Checks—Minnesota

SF 523 by Sen. Bobby Joe Champion

Limits employers' ability to ask job applicants about their criminal history.

Criminal History Checks—Rhode Island

HB 5507 by Rep. Scott Slater

Prohibits questions about criminal history on state job applications.

Domestic Workers Rights—Hawaii

SB 535 by Sen. Roslyn Baker

Adopts a domestic worker's bill of rights.

Domestic Workers Bill of Rights—California

AB 241 by Assem. Tom Ammiano

Provides overtime pay and certain labor rights for in-home workers.

Equal Pay—Hawaii

HB 216 by Rep. Brian Egolf

Requires equal pay for equal work and authorizes wage discrimination claims in state courts.

Fairness Act—New York City, New York

Ordinance 0974 by Councilman James Vacca

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act prevents employer discrimination against pregnant women and requires reasonable accommodations by the employer so women may work through their pregnancies.

Family Leave—Minnesota

SF 840 by Sen. Bobby Joe Champion

Expands the current family leave law to cover sickness by the employee's adult children, spouse, parents, grandparents and step-parents.

Family Leave Insurance—Rhode Island

HB 5889 by Rep. Elaine Coderre

Creates Temporary Caregiver Insurance so that workers can take up to four weeks of leave at two-thirds of regular pay to care for an ailing family member or new child.

Leave for Bereavement—Oregon

HB 2950 by Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer

Allows employees to take up to two weeks unpaid leave to deal with the death of a family member.

Minimum Wage—California

AB 10 by Assemblyman Alejo

Raises the minimum wage to \$10 an hour over the next three years.

Minimum Wage—Connecticut

SB 387 by Joint Labor and Public Employees Committee

Raises the minimum wage to \$9 per hour by 2015.

Minimum Wage—New Jersey

AB 2162 by Assm. Sheila Oliver

The Assembly voted to increase the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour. It was vetoed by Governor Christie but was approved by voters as a referendum.

Minimum Wage—Bernalillo County, New Mexico

Ordinance 2808 by Comm. Art De La Cruz

Raises the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour.

Minimum Wage—New York

AB 3007D by Ways & Means Committee

Raises the minimum wage to \$9 per hour, phased in over three years.

Minimum Wage—Rhode Island

SB 256 by Sen. Erin Lynch

Raises the minimum wage to \$8 to match Massachusetts.

Minimum Wage—Washington, DC and Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, MD

Elected officials from these three contiguous jurisdictions made a pact to jointly raise the minimum wage to \$11.50 per hour. All three legislative councils have voted to do so, the Prince George's County Executive has signed it and the District and Montgomery are likely to follow suit.

Paid Family Leave—California

SB 770 by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson

Expands the state disability program to include time off to care for a seriously ill grandparent, grandchild, sibling or parent-in-law.

Paid Sick Leave—New York City, New York

Int. No. 97-A by Councilwoman Gale Brewer

Requires private employers to provide paid sick leave.

Paid Sick Leave—Portland, Oregon

Ordinance 185926 by Comm. Amanda Fritz

Requires private employers to provide paid sick leave.

Retaliation by Employer—Vermont

HB 99 by Rep. Jill Kowinski

Prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who exercise their lawful rights such as taking leave, disclosing wages, and seeking workers' compensation.

Sexual Harassment—Oregon

HB 2669 by Rep. Lew Frederick

Protects unpaid interns from sexual harassment at work. Currently under the Federal Civil Rights Act, interns are not covered.

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Social Media Check—Oregon

HB 2654 by Rep. Margaret Doherty

Prohibits employers from requesting access to an employee's or applicant's Facebook or other social media account, or to require an employee to "friend" the employer.



Social Media Check—Washington

SB 5211 by Sen. Steve Hobbs

Prohibits employers from requesting access to an employee's or applicant's Facebook or other social media account, or to require an employer to "friend" the employer.

Time Off for Judicial Proceedings—California

SB 288 by Sen. Ted Lieu

Prohibits employers from discharging or discriminating against employees who take time off to serve on a jury, or who are victims of a crime and must attend court proceedings, or who need time off for court-related proceedings concerning domestic violence and sexual assault.

Wage Theft—Chicago, Illinois

Ordinance 8533 by Ald. Ameya Pawar

Allows the city to revoke the license of any business guilty to wage theft.

Wage Theft—Maryland

HB 1130 by Del. Benjamin Barnes

Allows employees to use a wage lien to recover unpaid wages.

Wage Theft—Oregon

HB 2977 by Committee on Business and Labor

Requires construction labor contractors to be licensed, primarily in order to crack down on wage theft.

Drug Testing—Kansas

SB 149 by Committee on Commerce

Mandates drug testing for welfare and unemployment benefits.

Paid Sick Leave—Florida

HB 655 by State Affairs Committee

Preempts local governments from enacting paid sick leave requirements.

Unemployment Benefits—North Carolina

HB 4 by Rep. Julia Howard

Drastically cuts unemployment insurance benefits.

Unemployment Benefits—North Dakota

HB 1112 by Industry, Business & Labor Committee

Denies unemployment insurance benefits to workers who were locked out of their jobs.

Wages and Benefits—Tennessee

HB 501 by Rep. Glen Casada

Prohibits local governments from requiring private employers to provide more generous benefits, wages or prevailing wage standards than required by state or federal law, and also prohibits local governments from addressing wage theft.

Public Safety

Death Penalty—Maryland

SB 276 by Sen. Lisa Gladden

Abolishes the death penalty, joining 17 states and the District of Columbia as jurisdictions without capital punishment.

Electronic Recording of Interrogations—California

SB 569 by Sen. Ted Lieu

Requires law enforcement to videotape all juvenile interrogations where the charge is homicide.

Expanded Handgun Safety Law—California

SB 683 by Sen Marty Block

Expands California's handgun safety certificate requirement to apply to all firearms, and prohibits anyone from purchasing or transferring any firearm without a firearm safety certificate.

Expungement of Minor Felonies—California

AB 651 by Assm. Steven Bradford

Allows people with low-level felony convictions to petition a judge for expungement after completing their sentences and remaining crime free for up to two years.

Firearms: 3D Printing—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Ordinance 130584 by Councilmembers Kenyatta Johnson & Curtis Jones, Jr.

Bans 3D printers being used to manufacture firearms.

Firearms: Assault Weapons—Colorado

HB 1224 by Rep. Rhonda Fields & Mary Hodge

Limits the size of ammunition magazines to 15-rounds.

Firearms: Assault Weapons—Connecticut

SB 1160 by Sen. Donald Williams

Strengthens a ban on assault weapons, limits magazine sizes, and creates the nation's first statewide dangerous weapon offender registry.

Firearms: Assault Weapons—Chicago, Illinois

Ordinance 5493 by Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Toughens the city's already-strict assault weapon laws.

Firearms: Background Checks—Colorado

HB 1229 by Rep. Rhonda Fields & Beth McCann

Requires a criminal background check before any gun is sold or transferred.

Firearms: Background Checks—Delaware

HB 35 by Rep. Valarie Longhurst

Requires a criminal background check before any gun is sold or transferred.

Firearms: Background Checks—Illinois

HB 1189 by Rep. Michael Zalewski

Requires background checks on all guns sales, including private sales. The law also requires that people report any stolen firearm within 72 hours to police.

Firearms: Licensing—Maryland

SB 281 by Governor Martin O'Malley

Creates one of the strongest gun laws in the nation, including fingerprint-based licensing and a ban on assault weapons.

Firearms: Pension Funds—Kansas City, Missouri

Ordinance 130529 by Mayor Sly James

Prohibits city pensions from investing in gun manufacturers.

Firearms: Lost & Stolen Guns—Chicago, Illinois

Ordinance 55 by Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Requires gun owners whose firearms are lost, stolen or destroyed to promptly report it to the police.

Firearms: Protective Orders—Colorado

SB 197 by Sen. Ernie Hudak & Rep. Beth McCann

Requires a domestic abuser or the subject of a protective order to relinquish his guns and ammunition.

Firearms: Registration—Hawaii

SB 69 by Sen. Will Espero

Requires persons arriving in the state with firearms to undergo a background check before registering the firearm with county police.

Firearms: Unlawful Possession—New Jersey

Governor Christie signed 10 gun laws, ranging from tougher penalties for smuggling of weapons and unlawful possession to the state submitting mental health records to the federal government.

Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines—California

AB 48 by Assm. Nancy Skinner

Bans the sale of parts and repair kits capable of creating or converting a magazine to a capacity to hold greater than ten rounds.

Marijuana Decriminalization—Vermont

HB 200 by Rep. Christopher Pearson

Decriminalizes the possession of up to one ounce of marijuana, substituting small civil fines.

Police Surveillance—Montana

HB 603 by Rep. Daniel Zolnikov

Requires police must obtain a warrant to track a suspect via their cell phone records.

Restorative Justice—Montana

HB 71 by Rep. Margie MacDonald

Establishes a grant program to implement “restorative justice” practices such as victim-offender meetings, family group conferencing, sentencing circles, restitution programs, and peer mediation.

Safe Storage of Firearms—California

AB 231 by Assm. Phil Ting

Strengthens the law requiring the safe storage of firearms

Stop and Frisk—New York City, New York

Ordinances 1080 by Councilman Jumaane Williams

Limits racial profiling when approaching a person by allowing claims of profiling to be heard in state courts.

Death Penalty—Florida

HB 7083 by Rep. Don Gaetz

Forces the governor to sign a death warrant within 30 days of the state Supreme Court certifying that an inmate has exhausted all appeals; the execution date must be six months from the date of the warrant.

Death Penalty—North Carolina

SB 306 by Sen. Thom Goolsby

Repeals the state’s Racial Justice Act, eliminating a death penalty appeal procedure.

Firearms: Concealed Carry—Alabama

SB 286 by Sen. Scott Beason

Allows 18 to 20 year olds to apply for a concealed gun permit as well as allowing people to carry a gun in their vehicle so long as it is not loaded.

Firearms: Concealed Carry—Louisiana

HB 8 by Rep. Jeff Thompson

Bans the publication of the list of concealed weapons permit holders.

Firearms: Concealed Carry—North Carolina

HB 937 by Rep. Jacqueline Michelle Schaffer, Justin Burr, John Faircloth, George Cleveland

Allows concealed-carry permit holders to take handguns into a range of places, including bars and parks, and store them in locked cars on government, school or university property.

Firearms: Nullification of Federal Law—Kansas

SB 102 by Legislative Post Audit Committee

Declares federal gun laws null and void when it comes to any firearm, ammunition or firearms accessory that is made in Kansas; makes it illegal for any official or employee of the federal government to enforce federal gun laws in those circumstances.

Firearms: Seized Property—Arizona

HB 2455 by Rep. Brenda Barton

Makes it easier for police to sell or return to the finder or owner, firearms that come into the possession of law enforcement agencies.

Reproductive Rights

Emergency Contraception—Hawaii

SB 1109 by Sen. Donna Mercado Kim

Expands access to emergency contraception.

Expand Access to Abortion—California

AB 154 by Assm. Toni Atkins

Authorizes trained nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants to provide early abortion care.

Reproductive Health—Dane County, Wisconsin

Ordinance 46

Requires that any county contractor that provides reproductive health care must offer accurate and non-directive information, and comprehensive services.

Sexuality Education—Colorado

HB 1081 by Rep. Crisanta Duran

Establishes a comprehensive human sexuality education grant program that is evidence based, culturally sensitive, includes positive youth development principles, and is comprehensive and medically accurate.

Reproductive Health—Multiple States

Altogether, legislatures enacted 43 provisions aimed at restricting access to abortion. Alabama, Indiana, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin changed their laws to restrict access to clinics. Indiana and Wisconsin imposed ultrasound requirements. Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Indiana, and Louisiana required a physician to be physically present to prescribe RU-486 and mandated in person follow-up appointments.

Reproductive Health—Arkansas

SB 134 by Sen. Jason Rapert

Bans all abortions after 12 weeks from conception.

Reproductive Health—North Dakota

HB 1456 by Rep. Bette Grande

Bans abortions after doctors can hear a “fetal heartbeat,” which is at about the six week mark in pregnancy.

Reproductive Health—Texas

HB 2 by Rep. Jodie Laubenberg

Bans abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy and severely cuts the number of places women can obtain abortions.

Reproductive Health—Michigan

Abortion Insurance Opt-Out Act by Sen. Mark Jansen, Rep. Mike Shirkey and Rep. Amanda Price

Michigan women will have to purchase separate insurance if they want coverage for abortion. The law bans most public and private plans from covering abortion as a medical procedure.



Revenue & Budget

Tax Havens—Oregon

HB 2460 by Committee on Revenue

Cracks down on tax shelters by treating corporate income claimed in tax haven countries as domestic income for tax purposes.

Tobacco Tax—Chicago, Illinois

Budget by Gov. Rahm Emanuel

Increases the tobacco tax by \$0.50 as part of the Mayor's 2014 Budget.

Tobacco Tax—Massachusetts

HB 3535 by Rep. Jonathan Hecht & Sen. Harriette Chandler

Increases the tobacco tax by \$1 per pack as part of a transportation finance bill.

Tobacco Tax—Minnesota

HF 677 by Rep. Ann Lenczewski

Increases the tobacco tax by \$1.60 per pack as part of a large finance bill.

Tobacco Tax—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bill No. 130446 by Council President Darrell Clarke

Creates a \$2 per pack tobacco tax to help fund city schools.

Top Earner Tax—Minnesota

HF 677 by Rep. Ann Lenczewski

Included a surtax on the state's top earners in a broad financing bill.

Top Earner Tax—New York

Budget by Gov. Andrew Cuomo

The state budget included an extension of the state "millionaire's tax."

Income & Inheritance Tax Cut—Indiana

HB 1001 by Rep. Timothy Brown

Cuts the state income tax, repeals the inheritance tax, and reduces the tax that financial institutions pay.

Income Tax Cut—New Mexico

HB 641 by Rep. Moe Maestas

Cuts the state's corporate income tax rate from 7.6 percent to 5.9 percent over five years and reduces future state funding for cities and counties.

Income Tax Credit—North Carolina

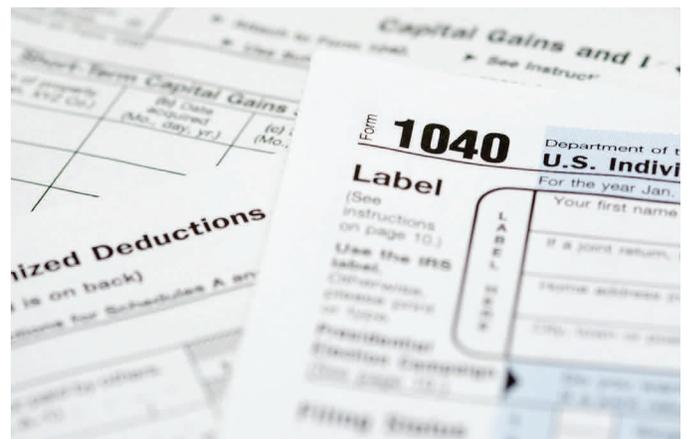
HB 998 by Rep. David Lewis

Ends the state's three-tiered system for personal income tax rates and creates a flat tax; significantly lowers the corporate tax rate.

Income Tax Cut—Oklahoma

HB 2032 by Rep. T.W. Shannon & Sen. Brian Bingman

Cuts the state's top income tax rate from 5.25 to 5 percent, with another cut pending in 2016.



Voting & Elections

Early Voting—Florida

HB 7013 by Rep. Jim Boyd & Daphne Campbell

Restores early voting, which had been cut back in 2011 and caused long lines during the 2012 election.

Online Change of Address—New Mexico

HB 497 by Rep. James E. Smith

Allows online change of voter's address and electronic transfer from the DMV of "motor voter" registration.

Online Registration—Virginia

HB 2341 by Del. David Ramadan

Allows online voter registration.

Online Registration—West Virginia

SB 477 by Sen. Corey Palumbo

Allows online voter registration.

Reenfranchisement—Delaware

HB 10 by Rep. Helene Keeley

A constitutional amendment to do away with the 5 year waiting period for ex-offenders to be eligible to vote.

Same-Day Registration—Colorado

HB 1303 by Rep. Dickey Lee Hullinghorst & Sen. Angela Giron

Expands access to voting, including same day registration and vote-by-mail.

Same-Day Registration—Maryland

HB 224 by Gov. Martin O'Malley

Expands early voting and allows same-day registration during the early voting period.

Transparency in Campaign Finance—California

SB 594 by Sen. Jerry Hill

Requires transparency for "non-public funds" from taxpayer-financed non-profits used in campaigns and ensures that public dollars are not being diverted to political campaigns.

Young Voters—Colorado

HB 1135 by Rep. Jonathan Singer

Allows 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register to vote.

Young Voters—Illinois

HB 226 by Rep. Carol Sente

17-year-olds can vote in a primary if 18 by the general.

Young Voters—Takoma Park, Maryland

Charter Amendment 1 by Councilman Tim Male

Extends the right to vote in city elections to 16-17 year olds, and to ex-offenders who are on probation or parole.

Early Voting & Ballot Access—Arizona

HB 2305 by Rep. Eddie Farnsworth

Makes it harder for candidates to get on the ballot and restricts the way early voting is conducted.

Early Voting—Nebraska

LB 271 by Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh

Reduces the early voting period by at least five days.

Same-Day Registration—Montana

SB 405 by Sen. Alan Olson

Places on the 2014 ballot a measure to end the state's long standing Election Day Registration.

Voter ID—Indiana

SB 518 by Sen. Sue Landske

Authorizes challengers to demand voters show ID.

Voter ID & Suppression—North Carolina

HB 589 by Rep. Harry Warren

Requires photo ID to vote, shortens early voting period, ends same-day registration and straight-ticket voting.

Voter ID—North Dakota

HB 1332 by Rep. Randy Boehning

Requires photo ID to exercise the right to vote.

Voter ID—Tennessee

SB 125 by Sen. Bill Ketrone and Susan Lynn

Restricts the types of voter ID accepted at the polls, rejecting county and municipal identification.

Voter ID—Virginia

SB 1256 by Sen. Mark Obenshain

Restricts the types of voter ID accepted at the polls.



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