

# Legislative Scorecard

2024



#  **otePublicEd**  
FOR STRONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**ICPE** **Indiana  
Coalition  
for Public  
Education**

[www.indianacoalitionforpubliced.org](http://www.indianacoalitionforpubliced.org)

# About Us



The Indiana Coalition for Public Education is a non-partisan, non-profit dedicated to preserving and improving public education for all Indiana students. We believe all Indiana children deserve an equitable, fully-funded education system under local control of parents and citizens. To realize this future, we advocate at the statehouse, inform voters about issues affecting schools, and empower Indiana citizens to advance the public schools\* in their communities.

## Vision

The vision of the non-partisan Indiana Coalition for Public Education is to advocate for high quality, equitable, well-funded public schools for all children that are subject to democratic oversight by their communities.

## Mission

Our mission is to be a strong, convening voice for public education advocacy in Indiana.

*\*Our organization does not consider charters or so-called "innovation schools" to be public schools, though they are called that in state law. Charters and "innovation schools" do not share the following accountability requirements with public school districts: 1) to serve all students within a given geographic area, 2) to be governed by a democratically elected local board ("innovation schools" are outsourced within districts, while charters appoint their own boards), and 3) to follow the full body of state education law, including teacher certification requirements and financial reporting requirements.*



# How To Use This Scorecard



- 1.** If you don't already know, find out what state Senate and House of Representatives districts you live in. Here's an excellent source: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>
- 2.** Our Scorecard is organized by House and Senate, then numerically by district.
- 3.** We chose to rate legislators on a small number of bills that had the power to help or hurt Indiana's public schools.
- 4.** We do not list new candidates in the Scorecard, because they have no voting record.
- 5.** Sometimes ICPE's preference is for a bill to receive a YES vote, and sometimes our preference is for legislators to vote NO. We have coded the Scorecard, so the preferred response is in a green box; if legislators did not vote for our preferred response, their response is in a red box.

Our Scorecard gives you legislators' voting records on select public school issues from the past two sessions. This information can help you decide how to vote. The data also provide opportunities for conversation. Ask your legislator why they voted the way they did. Let them know what your priorities are. When talking to new candidates, ask how they might vote on similar bills that may come before the 2025 legislative session.

# Scorecard Bills

Bills - 2023	Description	ICPE Preferred Position
HB 1447	<b>Education Matters.</b> Rep. Schaibley – This bill removed the legal defense available to everyone that material has an educational purpose. A conviction on these charges is a level 6 felony, punishable by up to two and a half years in jail and a \$10,000 fine. It also created a confusing set of standards and defenses which could have a chilling effect on the breadth of materials a school library/librarian is willing to include.	Opposed
SB 391	<b>Charter Schools.</b> Sen. Rogers, Sen. Raatz, Sen. Buchanan – This bill established a process through which charter schools in Lake, Vanderburgh, St. Joseph, and Marion counties can share in the incremental increases to property taxes for that school district. Also created the charter school facility grant program to provide grants to charter schools to be used for the same purposes that school districts can use money in debt service or operations funds.	Opposed
Bills - 2024	Description	ICPE Preferred Position
SB 6	<b>Reading Proficiency.</b> Sen. Raatz and Sen. Rogers – This bill requires the IDOE to identify students in grades four through eight who fail IREAD or are at risk failing IREAD. It also requires the IDOE to develop guidance around students who lack reading proficiency.	Supported
HB 1380	<b>Various Education Matters.</b> Rep. Behning – This is an omnibus bill that contains good parts but contains one element that provides more power to Innovation network schools (privately managed schools), taking control away from school corporations that oversee the innovation schools.	Opposed

# Vote Sheet

If their line is mostly or entirely green, this legislator voted in favor of funding and policies that support public schools.

If their line is mostly or entirely red, this legislator voted against funding and policies that support public schools.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

		HB 1447 (2023)	SB 391 (2023)	HB 1380 (2024)	SB 6 (2024)
ICPE Position		Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Supported
Last Name	Party-District				
Abbott	R-18	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andrade	D-12	N	N	N	Y
Aylesworth	R-11	Y	Y	Y	Y
Baird	R-44	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barrett	R-56	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bartels	R-74	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bartlett	D-95	N	N	N	Y
Bauer	D-6	N	N	N	Y
Behning	R-91	Y	Y	Y	Y
Borders	R-45	Y	Y	Y	Y
Boy	D-9	N	N	N	Y
Campbell	D-26	N	N	N	Y
Carbaugh	R-81	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cash	R-25	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cherry	R-53	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clere	R-72	N	Y	Y	Y
Criswell	R-54	Y	N	Y	Y
Culp	R-16	Y	N	Y	Y
Davis	R-58	Y	Y	Y	Y
DeLaney	D-86	N	N	N	Y
DeVon	R-5	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dvorak	D-8	N	N	N	N
Engleman	R-70	Y	Y	Y	Y
Errington	D-34	N	N	N	Y
Fleming	D-71	Y	N	NV	Y
Garcia Wilborn	D-32	N	N	N	E
Genda	R-41	Y	Y	Y	Y
GiaQuinta	D-80	N	N	N	Y
Goodrich	R-29	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gore	D-89	Y	N	N	Y
Goss-Reaves	R-31			Y	Y
Greene	R-47	Y	Y	Y	Y
Haggard	R-57	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hall	R-62	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hamilton	D-87	N	N	N	Y
Harris Jr.	D-2	N	N	N	Y
Hatcher	D-3	N	N	N	Y
Hatfield	D-77	NV	N	Y	Y
Heaton	R-46	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heine	R-85	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hostettler	R-64	Y	Y	NV	Y
Huston*	R-37	NV	NV	NV	NV
Jackson	D-1	N	N	N	Y
Jeter	R-99	Y	E	Y	Y
Johnson	D-100	N	N	Y	Y
Jordan	R-17	Y	Y	Y	Y
Judy	R-83	Y	Y	Y	E
Karickhoff	R-30	Y	Y	Y	Y
King	R-49	Y	Y	Y	Y
Klinker	D-27	N	N	N	Y

# Vote Sheet

		HB 1447 (2023)	SB 391 (2023)	HB 1380 (2024)	SB 6 (2024)
ICPE Position		Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Supported
Last Name	Party-District				
Lauer	R-59	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ledbetter	R-75	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lehman	R-79	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lindauer	R-63	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lucas	R-69	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lyness	R-68	Y	Y	Y	Y
Manning	R-23	Y	Y	Y	Y
May	R-65	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mayfield	R-60	Y	Y	Y	Y
McGuire	R-93	Y	Y	Y	Y
McNamara	R-76	Y	Y	Y	Y
Meltzer	R-73	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miller D	R-48	Y	Y	Y	Y
Miller K	D-82	N	N	N	Y
Moed	D-97	Y	N	N	E
Morris	R-84	Y	Y	Y	Y
Morrison	R-42	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moseley	D-10	N	N	N	Y
Negele	R-13	Y	Y	Y	Y
O'Brien	R-78	Y	Y	Y	Y
Olthoff	R-19	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pack	D-92	N	N	Y	Y
Patterson	R-55	Y	Y	Y	Y
Payne	R-66	E	E	Y	Y
Pfaff	D-43	N	N	N	Y
Pierce, K	R-36	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pierce, M	D-61	N	N	N	Y
Porter	D-96	N	N	N	Y
Prescott	R-33	Y	Y	E	Y
Pressel	R-20	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pryor	D-94	N	N	N	Y
Rowray	R-35	Y	Y	Y	E
Schaibley	R-24	Y	Y	Y	NV
Shackleford	D-98	N	N	N	Y
Slager	R-15	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smaltz	R-52	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith	D-14	N	E	N	Y
Snow	R-22	Y	Y	Y	Y
Soliday	R-4	Y	Y	Y	Y
Speedy	R-90	Y	Y	Y	E
Steuerwald	R-40	Y	Y	Y	Y
Summers	D-99	N	N	NV	Y
Sweet	R-50	Y	Y	Y	Y
Teshka	R-7	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thompson	R-28	Y	Y	Y	Y
Torr	R-39	Y	Y	Y	Y
VanNatter	R-38	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vermillion	R-31	N	Y		
Wesco	R-21	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zent	R-51	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zimmerman	R-67	Y	Y	Y	Y

E = Excused      NV = Not voting      Did not serve that term  
 \* Mr. Speaker (Rep. Huston) usually is a NV. If he votes, it's a major position for him.

# Vote Sheet

## SENATE

		HB 1447 (2023)	SB 391 (2023)	HB 1380 (2024)	SB 6 (2024)
ICPE Position		Opposed	Opposed	Opposed	Supported
Last Name	Party/ District				
Alexander	R-26	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alting	R-22	Y	N	E	Y
Baldwin	R-20	Y	NV	Y	Y
Bassler	R-39	Y	Y	N	Y
Becker	R-50	Y	N	N	Y
Bohacek	R-8	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bray	R-37	Y	Y	Y	Y
Breaux*	D-34	N	N	E	E
Brown	R-15	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buchanan	R-7	Y	Y	Y	Y
Buck	R-21	Y	Y	Y	Y
Busch	R-16	Y	Y	N	Y
Byrne	R-47	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carrasco	R-36	Y	Y	Y	Y
Charbonneau	R-5	Y	Y	Y	Y
Crane	R-24	Y	Y	Y	Y
Crider	R-28	Y	Y	Y	Y
Deery	R-23	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dernulc	R-1	Y	N	Y	Y
Donato	R-18	Y	Y	Y	Y
Doriot	R-12	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ford, Jon	R-38	NV	Y		
Ford, J.D.	D-29	N	N	N	Y
Freeman	R-32	Y	Y	N	Y
Garten	R-45	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gaskill	R-26	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glick	R-13	Y	Y	Y	Y
Goode	R-38			Y	Y
Holdman	R-19	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hunley	D-46	N	N	N	Y
Johnson	R-14	Y	Y	Y	Y
Koch	R-44	Y	Y	Y	Y
Leising	R-42	Y	Y	Y	Y
Melton	D-3	N	N		
Maxwell	R-43	Y	Y	Y	Y
Messmer	R-48	Y	Y	N	Y
Mishler	R-9	Y	Y	Y	Y
Niemeyer	R-6	Y	N	E	Y
Niezgodski	D-10	N	N	Y	Y
Pol	D-4	N	N	N	Y
Qaddoura	D-30	N	N	N	Y
Raatz	R-27	Y	Y	Y	Y
Randolph	D-2	N	N	Y	Y
Rogers	R-11	Y	Y	Y	Y
Taylor	D-33	N	N	N	Y
Tomes	R-49	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vinzant	D-3			Y	Y
Walker, G	R-41	Y	Y	Y	Y
Walker, K	R-31	Y	Y	Y	Y
Yoder	D-40	N	N	N	Y
Young	R-35	Y	Y	Y	Y
Zay	R-17	Y	Y	N	Y

E = Excused

NV = Not voting

Did not serve that term

\* Sen. Jean Breaux passed March 20, 2024.



# Next Steps

Where do we go from here? All Hoosiers who care about their Indiana public schools must get informed and be empowered to be public education advocates all across our state.

## Share this information

Share this Scorecard widely across the state with friends and family. Also share it on your social media.

## #VotePublicEd

The best way to stop the attack on public education is to be an informed voter and encourage others to be informed.



## Join ICPE

We need you to join us in our efforts and be prepared to take action because we expect a battle in January during the upcoming budget session of the Indiana General Assembly.