

2023 Legislative Scorecard

88th Texas Legislature



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Note From the CEO

awmakers in Texas find themselves in a curious situation. Over three quarters of the population supports statewide nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQIA+ people, yet a small fragment makes a loud noise. That noise is backed by billions... of dollars.

Money talks. This money is saying that trans people are threats to children, sinning against nature. They said the same about gay men in the 80s. None of this is new. Lies from the 80s are no more true today. But with the proliferation of the internet, and devious disinformation strategies, today, those lies are more effective.

We as a nation—and more to the point—as a state, are at a crossroads. We can stand on the side of love or we can cower in fear. Fear is understandable; Neo-nazis are terrifying. They've made no secret of their hatred of our community. Neo-nazis and other hate groups with more innocuous names like "Moms for Liberty" and "Protect Texas Kids" have been cropping up all over the state since 2021.

But in the words of Country star and Equality Texas gala entertainer, Adam Mac, "That ain't country." Because we know—we feel—the love of Texans all around us. But that warmth and joy beneath the Texas sun turns cold in the halls of the Capitol. We saw allies and partners who once stood with us, turn around and vilify our community with talking points from a different century. We felt the strong arm of the law as it elbowed us out of the Capitol after a peaceful protest. And we mourned as we lost neighbors to the exodus of families that were seeking safer states to raise their children.

Our allies and advocates looked fear in the face, and marched anyway. If our elected officials could muster enough courage to match their constituents, perhaps hate groups wouldn't be so emboldened. Nearly 50 years ago, when anti-LGBTQIA+ fearmonger Anita Bryant was scheduled to appear in Houston, thousands of Texans turned out to protest. It didn't have the same impact as Stonewall, and it isn't in the history books, but it is a powerful moment in Texas history. A moment when our queer and allied forebearers said, "no." Longtime queer advocate and community leader Ray Hill said those protests were what turned a random assortment of LGBTQIA+ residents into a community.

This year, in the face of over 160 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills—over twice as many as the previous session—the LGBTQIA+ residents of Texas showed up. Thousands chanted in the rotunda as SB14 threatened to strip young people of health care, drag queens testified on the Senate floor, and we marched in defiance all the way to the Capitol doors.

We are bonded by a common trauma, linked by a fearless love. And in the face of all that hate, we emerged a community. Every member of our community stands in solidarity against every attack.

But we did not go to the Capitol to seek community, we went to demand action. Today, we turn to the lawmakers who stood by us, and we say "thank you." To those who abandoned us, we remember. While to some these grades may seem trivial as a school report card, the lawmakers who failed did not simply skip second period, they gambled with the lives of their constituents. To paraphrase a great civil rights leader, the arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice. Texas lawmakers, ask yourselves today: "How will history remember me?"



Ricardo Martinez Chief Executive Officer

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Session Overview

Rachel Hill, Government Affairs Director for the 88th Legislative Session

or LGBTQIA+ Texans, the 88th Legislative Session was exhausting. Emboldened by the political climate, anti-LGBTQIA+ legislators aggressively pushed harmful legislation. Throughout the regular and 4 special sessions, the number of anti-LGBTQIA+ bills filed far surpassed counts from previous sessions—totaling over 160 attacks (up from 76 in 2021 and 15 in 2019). In addition to the unprecedented number of bills, the impact was more harmful. For example, in 2021 anti-equality legislators fought to exclude transgender youth from K-12 sports. In 2023, they attempted to eliminate even the acknowledgement of LGBTQIA+ people in public school curricula entirely. Opponents of equality have made it abundantly clear that their fight is not about any single issue—like sports or health care access—their goal is to eliminate LGBTQIA+ people from public life entirely. While their hateful policies harm the whole community, the transgender community in particular has been their most frequent target.

Equality Texas entered the session committed to the Texas values of privacy and liberty; respect and safety; and family and community. We opposed government intrusion into private family healthcare decisions; bills that excuse discrimination, risking the safety of LGBTQIA+ Texans; and bans on cultural touchstones like drag that infuse joy into our communities.

Those in power who did not share those same values used every opportunity to advance bills that would harm our community. Of the over 160 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills that were filed, 39 moved through the legislative process. Often, those in power changed the rules and moved the goalposts by silencing public testimony, suspending rules to undermine harm mitigation efforts, and banning advocates from the Capitol for peaceful demonstrations.

In spite of these undemocratic tactics, our community showed up in full force. Almost 40,000 communications went into legislative offices, 9,000 Texans registered formal positions against harmful bills, and 5,000 individuals pledged to attend in-person advocacy events at the Capitol. Through visible, courageous, and consistent action, Texans pushed back against laws that would harm their neighbors, friends, and community members.

Overall, 7 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills were passed into law:

SB 12 (Hughes), the "drag ban." This bill very broadly defines "sexually oriented performances," including vague language meant to target drag performers.

SB 14 (Campbell) bans best-practice, life-saving health care for transgender youth.

SB 15 (Middleton) bans transgender athletes playing sports at public universities.

SB 17 (Creighton) bans "diversity, equity, and inclusion" programs in public universities.

SB 763 (Middleton) allows for the replacement of school counselors with religious chaplains.

HB 900 (Patterson), the "book burning act." This bill restricts access to books in school libraries by prohibiting acquisition, limiting access, and defining "obscenity" in an overly broad manner.

HB 2127 (Burrows) preempts a broad span of local regulations, potentially including housing nondiscrimination ordinances.

Even before the bills took effect, we saw a stark chilling effect in how our community was treated throughout the state. But we've also seen community members step up to support each other through mutual aid, knowledge sharing, and local advocacy.

The forces against us are formidable, but our community is stronger. We are resilient, and as we saw during the legislative session, there is still room for joy, for grit, and for the work we will undertake to ensure that we are all supported in the eyes of the law and the hearts of our fellow Texans.

Methodology

Legislative scoring criteria explained

Texas House and Senate Members were scored based on their records—working either for or against LGBTQIA+ equality in the 88th legislative session. As coordinated attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community swept through the nation, it's more important than ever to hold legislators accountable for their efforts against the community and to celebrate those champions that are holding the line and showing that a better way is possible for Texas. Scoring consisted of following criteria:



Members received points based on their authorship or sponsorship of legislation that supports full lived equality for LGBTQIA+ Texans. A greater weight is given to primary and joint authors. Members who were primary and joint authors of one or more discriminatory bills received an automatic "F" score. Members lost points for co-authoring discriminatory legislation.



Members were scored on floor votes for good and bad bills and amendments. Votes on bills were more heavily weighted than votes on amendments. Because not all committees handle LGBTQIA-related legislation, committee votes were not considered in the calculations.

다. Leadership

Additional points were given to members who showed exceptional leadership under the dome to protect LGBTQIA+ rights, including in committee, on the floor, and (for House members) being a part of the LGBTQ Caucus.

🖓 Public Statements

Public officials by nature must spend much of their time in the public eye. Statements given to the press, in town halls, or other public settings were factored into their score, depending on whether those statements helped or harmed the LGBTQIA+ community.



Texas Senate

The Senate is one chamber of the Texas Legislature. The Senate has many roles, including enacting and amending laws, passing state budget, raising or lowering taxes, endorsing proposed constitutional amendments, redistricting, and much more. The Senate also acts as the jury in an impeachment process.

The current party affiliation for the Senate is 18 Republicans and 13 Democrats. Coming into the 88th Legislative Session, the Senate was poised to aggressively push anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation, enabling the Lieutenant Governor to fast track his far-right agenda.

Senators	Bad Bills Filed	Bad Bill Authors
31	55	10

Senate Snapshot

Quick overview of Senators and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

TATE SENATOR	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Eckhardt, Sarah	D	14	A +
LaMantia, Morgan	D	27	A +
Menéndez, José	D	26	A +
Alvarado, Carol	D	6	A
Gutierrez, Roland	D	19	A
Johnson, Nathan	D	16	A
Miles, Borris L.	D	13	A
Zaffirini, Judith	D	21	A
Blanco, César	D	29	В

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STATE SENATOR	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Hancock, Kelly	R	9	F
Huffman, Joan	R	17	F
Hughes, Bryan	R	1	F
King, Phil	R	10	F
Kolkhorst, Lois	R	18	F
Middleton, Mayes	R	11	F
Nichols, Robert	R	3	F
Parker, Tan	R	12	F
Paxton, Angela	R	8	F

STATE SENATOR	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Perry, Charles	R	28	F
Sparks, Kevin	R	31	F
Schwertner, Charles	R	5	F
Springer, Drew	R	30	F

Senate Scores

Senate	SCO	IES		Floor V	otes by Is	sue Area		Auth	orship	Spons	orship	
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STATE SENATOR	PARTY	DISTRICT	Ŧ		•		•	U U		ڻ ا		GRADE
Alvarado, Carol	D	6	•	•	•	•	•	1	0	0	0	Α
Bettencourt, Paul	R	7	•	•	•	•	•	0	15	0	3	F
Birdwell, Brian	R	22	•	•	•	•	•	0	9	0	0	F
Blanco, César	D	29	•	•	٠	٠	٠	2	0	4	1	В
Campbell, Donna	R	25	٠	•	٠	•	•	0	16	0	1	F
Creighton, Brandon	R	4	٠	•	٠	•	•	0	27	0	4	F
Eckhardt, Sarah	D	14	•	•	•	•	•	7	0	1	0	A +
Flores, Pete	R	24	٠	•	٠	•	•	0	4	0	1	F
Gutierrez, Roland	D	19	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	0	0	0	0	Α
Hall, Bob	R	2	٠	•	٠	•	•	0	20	0	2	F
Hancock, Kelly	R	9	•	•	•	•	•	0	4	0	0	F
Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"	D	20	•	•	٠		•	0	0	3	0	D
Huffman, Joan	R	17	•	•	•	•	•	0	4	0	0	F

Senate Scores

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Hughes, Bryan	R	1	•	•	•	•	•	0	18	0	3	F
Johnson, Nathan	D	16	•	•	•	•	•	5	0	2	0	А
King, Phil	R	10	•	•	•	•	•	0	14	0	0	F
Kolkhorst, Lois	R	18	•	•	•	•	•	0	12	1	2	F
LaMantia, Morgan	D	27	•	٠	٠	٠	٠	1	0	3	0	A +
Menéndez, José	D	26	•	•	٠	٠	٠	6	0	5	1	A +
Middleton, Mayes	R	11	•	•	•	•	•	0	23	0	4	F
Miles, Borris L.	D	13	•	٠	•	٠	•	2	0	3	0	А
Nichols, Robert	R	3	•	•	•	•	•	0	2	0	0	F
Parker, Tan	R	12	•	•	•	•	٠	0	13	0	1	F
Paxton, Angela	R	8	•	•	•	•	•	0	23	2	2	F
Perry, Charles	R	28	•	•	•	•	•	0	12	0	1	F
Schwertner, Charles	R	5	•	•	•	•	•	0	9	0	0	F

Senate Scores Authorship Sponsorship Floor Votes by Issue Area **Breakdown of Senate scores** DISCRIMINATION HEALTHCARE **PREEMPTION** GOOD BILLS GOOD BILLS EDUCATION **BAD BILLS BAD BILLS** DRAG STATE SENATOR PARTY DISTRICT GRADE 0 R 31 7 1 2 F Sparks, Kevin Springer, Drew R 30 0 12 0 0 F West, Royce D 23 2 0 7 0 В Whitmire, John D 15 1 0 0 0 В

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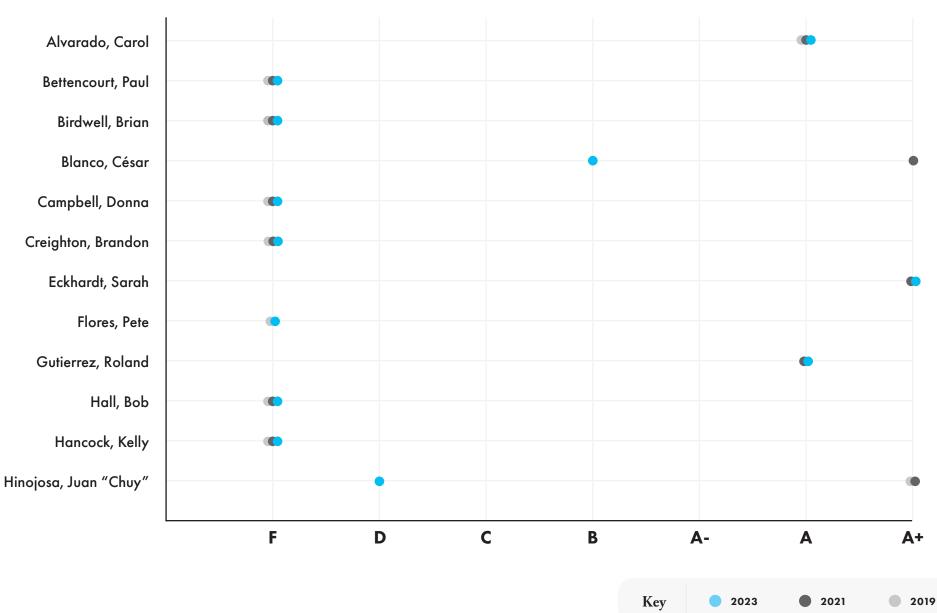
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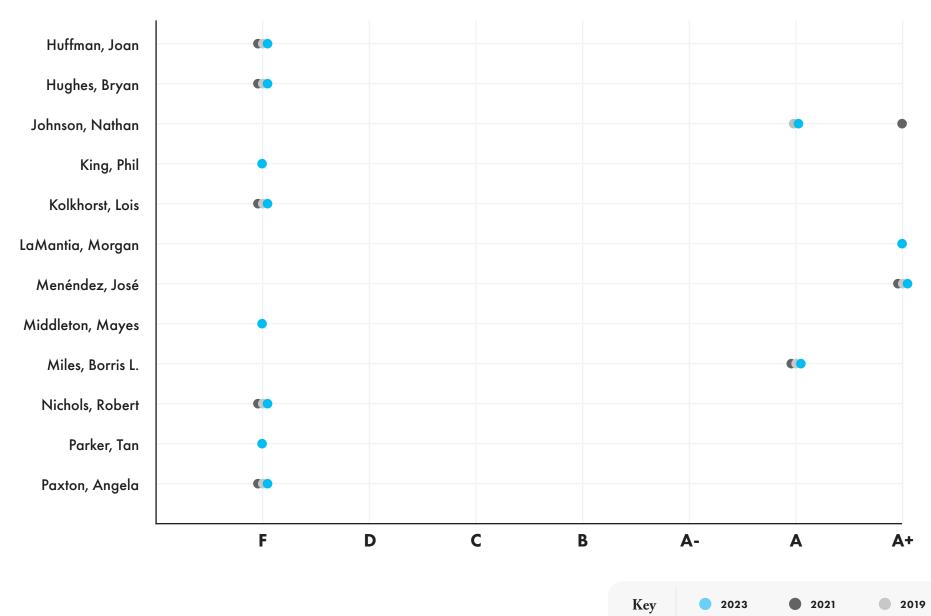
Senate Progress Report

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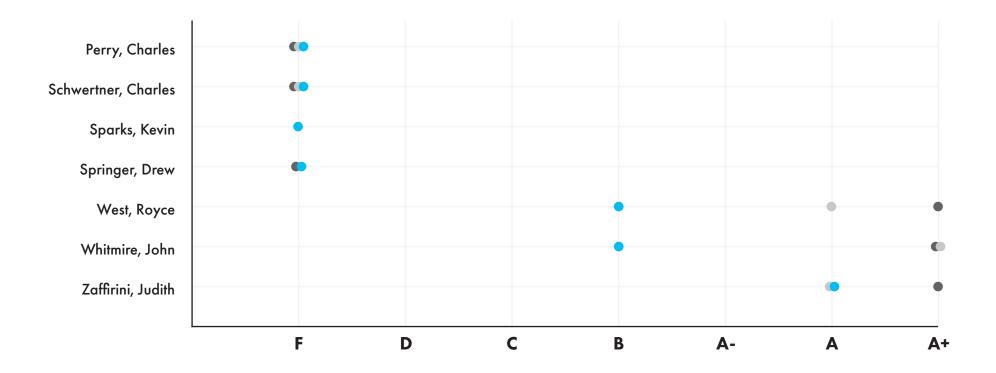
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Texas House

The House of Representatives is one chamber of the Texas Legislature. The duties of the House include proposing and voting on new laws and resolutions, considering proposed constitutional amendments before sending to voters, and appropriation of all funds for the operation of state government. The House alone can instigate an impeachment. The House has 150 members.

It is composed of 86 Republicans and 64 Democrats. During the 88th Legislative Session, Dade Phelan presided as Speaker of the House. After redistricting in 2021, districts across the state were less competitive. Uncompetitive districts are largely decided in primary elections, which favor more extreme candidates.

Members	Bad Bills Filed	Bad Bill Authors
150	112	31

Quick overview of Representatives and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
nchía, Rafael	D	103	A +
ryant, John	D	114	A +
ucy III, John H.	D	136	A +
Flores, Lulu	D	51	A +
Garcia, Josey	D	124	A +
González, Jessica	D	104	A +
González, Mary E.	D	75	A +
Hinojosa, Gina	D	49	A +
oward, Donna	D	48	A +

Quick overview of Representatives and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Ramos, Ana-Maria	D	102	A +	Cole, Sheryl	D	46	A
Reynolds, Ron	D	27	A +	Gámez, Erin	D	38	A
Rose, Toni	D	110	A +	Goodwin, Vikki	D	47	A
Rosenthal, Jon E.	D	135	A +	Hernandez, Ana	D	143	A
Talarico, James	D	50	A +	Johnson, Jarvis	D	139	A
Wu, Gene	D	137	A +	Lalani, Suleman	D	76	A
Zwiener, Erin	D	45	A +	Lopez, Ray	D	125	A
Bernal, Diego M.	D	123	A	Manuel, Christian	D	22	A
Bowers, Rhetta Andrews	D	113	A	Meza, Terry	D	105	A

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EPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Morales, Christina	D	145	A
Ortega, Evelina "Lina"	D	77	A
Thompson, Senfronia	D	141	A
Turner, Chris	D	101	A
Allen, Alma A.	D	131	В
Bhojani, Salman	D	92	В
Campos, Elizabeth "Liz"	D	119	В
Collier, Nicole	D	95	В
Davis, Yvonne	D	111	В

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PRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	
tinez, Armando "Mando	o″ D	39	C	Allison, Steve	R	121	
mero Jr., Ramon	D	90	C	Anderson, Charles "Do	c″R	56	
erman Sr., Carl O.	D	109	C	Ashby, Trent	R	9	
utton Jr., Harold V.	D	142	D	Bailes, Ernest	R	18	
ing, Tracy O.	D	80	D	Bell Jr., Cecil	R	3	
ongoria, Oscar	D	35	D	Bell, Keith	R	4	
Norales, Eddie	D	74	D	Bonnen, Greg	R	24	
Auñoz Jr., Sergio	D	36	D	Buckley, Brad	R	54	
aymond, Richard Peña	D	42	D	Bumgarner, Benjamin	R	63	

Quick overview of Representatives and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Burns, DeWayne	R	58	F	Darby, Drew	R	72	F
Burrows, Dustin	R	83	F	Dean, Jay	R	7	F
Button, Angie Chen	R	112	F	DeAyala, Mano	R	133	F
Cain, Briscoe	R	128	F	Dorazio, Mark	R	122	F
Capriglione, Giovanni	R	98	F	Frank, James	R	69	F
Clardy, Travis	R	11	F	Frazier, Frederick	R	61	F
Cook, David	R	96	F	Gates, Gary	R	28	F
Craddick, Tom	R	82	F	Gerdes, Stan	R	17	F
Cunningham, Charles	R	127	F	Geren, Charlie	R	99	F

Quick overview of Representatives and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	G
Goldman, Craig	R	97	F	Hull, Lacey	R	138	
Guillen, Ryan	R	31	F	Hunter, Todd	R	32	
Harless, Sam	R	126	F	Isaac, Carrie	R	73	
Harris, Cody	R	8	F	Jetton, Jacey	R	26	
Harris Davila, Caroline	R	52	F	Kacal, Kyle	R	12	
Harrison, Brian	R	10	F	King, Ken	R	88	
Hayes, Richard	R	57	F	Kitzman, Stan	R	85	
Hefner, Cole	R	5	F	Klick, Stephanie	R	91	
Holland, Justin	R	33	F	Kuempel, John	R	44	

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REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
ambert, Stan	R	71	F
Landgraf, Brooks	R	81	F
Leach, Jeff	R	67	F
Leo Wilson, Terri	R	23	F
Lopez, Janie	R	37	F
Lozano, J.M.	R	43	F
Lujan, John	R	118	F
Metcalf, Will	R	16	F
Meyer, Morgan	R	108	F

Quick overview of Representatives and their overall grade for the 88th Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE	REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRA
Rogers, Glenn	R	60	F	Smithee, John T.	R	86	I
Schaefer, Matt	R	6	F	Spiller, David	R	68	I
Schatzline, Nate	R	93	F	Stucky, Lynn	R	64	I
Schofield, Mike	R	132	F	Swanson, Valoree	R	150	I
Shaheen, Matt	R	66	F	Tepper, Carl	R	84	I
Shine, Hugh D.	R	55	F	Thierry, Shawn	D	146	I
Slaton, Bryan	R	2	F	Thimesch, Kronda	R	65	I
Slawson, Shelby	R	59	F	Thompson, Ed	R	29	I
Smith, Reggie	R	62	F	Tinderholt, Tony	R	94	I

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REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	GRADE
Toth, Steve	R	15	F
Troxclair, Ellen	R	19	F
VanDeaver, Gary	R	1	F
Vasut, Cody	R	25	F
Wilson, Terry M.	R	20	F

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REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	HE	Ē	DRAG	PRE	O U	BAI	0 9	BAI	lGB	GRADE
Allen, Alma A.	D	131	•	•	•	•	5	0	0	0		В
Allison, Steve	R	121	•	•	•	•	0	9	3	1		F
Anchía, Rafael	D	103	•	٠	•	٠	8	0	3	0	٠	A +
Anderson, Charles "Doc"	R	56	•	•	•	•	2	17	1	1		F
Ashby, Trent	R	9	•	•	•	•	0	7	0	1		F
Bailes, Ernest	R	18	•	•	•	•	1	6	0	1		F
Bell Jr., Cecil	R	3	•	•	•	•	0	8	0	1		F
Bell, Keith	R	4	•	•	•	•	0	16	0	2		F
Bernal, Diego M.	D	123	٠	٠	٠	٠	9	0	3	0	٠	Α
Bhojani, Salman	D	92	•	•	•	٠	5	0	1	0	٠	В
Bonnen, Greg	R	24	•	•	•	•	0	18	0	1		F
Bowers, Rhetta Andrews	D	113	•		•	•	5	0	3	0		А
Bryant, John	D	114	٠	٠	٠	•	7	0	0	0	•	A+

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Breakdown of Ho	ouse scor	es	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	2	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	
REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	HE	Ē	DRAG	PRE	O U	BAI	O U	BAI	LGE	GRADE
Buckley, Brad	R	54	•	•		•	1	13	2	3		F
Bucy III, John H.	D	136	٠	٠	٠	٠	7	0	1	0	٠	A +
Bumgarner, Benjamin	R	63	•	•	•	•	2	27	0	5		F
Burns, DeWayne	R	58	•	•	•	٠	0	12	0	1		F
Burrows, Dustin	R	83	•	•	•	•	0	15	0	4		F
Button, Angie Chen	R	112	•	•	•	٠	1	3	0	0		F
Cain, Briscoe	R	128	•	•	•	•	2	33	0	6		F
Campos, Elizabeth "Liz"	D	119	٠	٠	•	٠	4	0	2	1	٠	В
Canales, Terry	D	40	•	٠	•	•	3	0	0	0		с
Capriglione, Giovanni	R	98	•	٠	•	٠	0	9	1	2		F
Clardy, Travis	R	11	•	•	•	٠	0	6	0	1		F
Cole, Sheryl	D	46	•	٠	•	٠	8	0	1	0	٠	А
Collier, Nicole	D	95	•	•	٠	٠	6	0	1	0	•	В

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Breakdown of He	DUSE SCOI	DISTRICT	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	GRADE
Cook, David	R	96	•	•	•	•	0	14	2	1		F
Cortez, Philip	D	117	•	٠	•	•	3	0	0	0	٠	с
Craddick, Tom	R	82	•	•	•	•	0	3	0	1		F
Cunningham, Charles	R	127	•	•	٠	•	2	15	0	1		F
Darby, Drew	R	72	•	•	•	•	0	6	2	1		F
Davis, Yvonne	D	111	•	•			4	0	0	0		В
Dean, Jay	R	7	•	•	•	•	0	9	1	1		F
DeAyala, Mano	R	133	•	•	•	•	3	9	0	1		F
Dorazio, Mark	R	122	•	•	•	•	0	12	0	2		F
Dutton Jr., Harold V.	D	142	•	•	•	•	3	0	0	0		D
Flores, Lulu	D	51	•	•	•	•	7	0	0	0	٠	A +
Frank, James	R	69		•		•	0	15	0	2		F
Frazier, Frederick	R	61	•	•	•	•	3	13	0	3		F

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Member

Touse Scores		Flo	or Votes l	by Issue A	rea	Autho	orship	Spons	orship			
Breakdown of Ho	PARTY	r es District	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	GRADE
Gámez, Erin	D	38	•	•	•	•	4	0	4	0	•	A
Garcia, Josey	D	124	•	•	•	•	9	0	9	1	•	A+
Gates, Gary	R	28	•	•	•	•	1	10	0	1		F
Gerdes, Stan	R	17	•	•	•	•	0	20	0	1		F
Geren, Charlie	R	99	•	•	•	•	0	3	0	1		F
Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara	D	120	•	•	•	٠	5	0	2	0	٠	В
Goldman, Craig	R	97	•	•	•	•	0	7	0	1		F
González, Jessica	D	104	•	•	•	•	9	0	4	0	•	A +
González, Mary E.	D	75	•	•	•	•	8	0	4	1	•	A +
Goodwin, Vikki	D	47	•	•	•	•	5	0	2	0	٠	Α
Guerra, R.D. "Bobby"	D	41	•	•	•	•	3	0	1	0		c
Guillen, Ryan	R	31	•	•	•	•	3	9	0	1		F
Harless, Sam	R	126	•	•	•	•	0	5	0	2		F

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Harris, Cody	R	8	•	•	•	•	0	17	0	3		F
Harris Davila, Caroline	R	52	•	•	•	•	1	18	0	2		F
Harrison, Brian	R	10	•	•	•	•	3	27	0	0		F
Hayes, Richard	R	57	•	٠	•	٠	1	30	2	6		F
Hefner, Cole	R	5	•	•	•	•	0	28	0	7		F
Hernandez, Ana	D	143	٠	٠	٠	٠	7	0	2	0	٠	А
Herrero, Abel	D	34	٠	٠	•	٠	1	0	0	1		с
Hinojosa, Gina	D	49	٠	٠	٠	٠	6	0	0	0	٠	A +
Holland, Justin	R	33	•	•	•	•	0	18	0	2		F
Howard, Donna	D	48	٠	٠	٠	٠	7	0	2	0	٠	A +
Hull, Lacey	R	138	٠	•	•	•	0	17	0	1		F
Hunter, Todd	R	32	٠	٠	•	٠	0	0	1	1		F
Isaac, Carrie	R	73	•	•	•	•	0	27	0	1		F

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REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	H	8	ă	Ä	ő	BA	5	BA	16	GRADE
Jetton, Jacey	R	26	•	•	•	٠	3	12	3	1		F
Johnson, Ann	D	134	•		•	•	5	0	1	0		A+
Johnson, Jarvis	D	139	٠	•	•	•	4	0	0	0		А
Johnson, Julie	D	115	٠	٠	٠	٠	9	0	3	0	٠	A +
Jones, Jolanda "Jo"	D	147	٠	•	•	٠	7	0	2	0		A+
Jones, Venton	D	100	٠	٠	٠	٠	12	0	5	0	٠	A +
Kacal, Kyle	R	12	•	•	•	•	0	5	0	1		F
King, Ken	R	88	•	٠	•	•	0	11	1	1		F
King, Tracy O.	D	80	•	•	•	•	0	0	1	0		D
Kitzman, Stan	R	85	•	•	•	•	1	14	0	1		F
Klick, Stephanie	R	91	•	•	•	•	0	14	0	1		F
Kuempel, John	R	44	•	•	•	•	0	7	0	1		F
Lalani, Suleman	D	76	٠	٠	٠	٠	3	2	5	1		A

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Lambert, Stan	R	71	•	•	•	•	0	7	2	1		F
Landgraf, Brooks	R	81	•	•	•	•	0	16	4	1		F
Leach, Jeff	R	67	•	•	•	•	1	23	0	1		F
Leo Wilson, Terri	R	23	•	٠	•	٠	0	42	0	7		F
Longoria, Oscar	D	35	•	•	•	•	4	2	0	1		D
Lopez, Janie	R	37	•	•	•	•	0	13	4	1		F
Lopez, Ray	D	125	•	•	•	•	5	0	1	1	٠	А
Lozano, J.M.	R	43	•	•	•	•	0	10	5	1		F
Lujan, John	R	118	•	•	•	•	2	10	2	1		F
Manuel, Christian	D	22	•	•	•	•	5	0	2	0		Α
Martinez, Armando "Mando"	D	39	•	•	•	•	5	0	0	0	٠	с
Martinez Fischer, Trey	D	116	•	•	•	•	4	0	0	0		A +
Metcalf, Will	R	16	•	•	•	•	0	30	0	5		F

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Breakdown of Ho REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	'ES DISTRICT	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	GRADE
Meyer, Morgan	R	108	•	•	•	•	0	6	0	1		F
Meza, Terry	D	105	٠	٠	٠	٠	6	0	2	0	٠	A
Moody, Joe	D	78	٠	٠	•	•	7	1	4	0	•	A+
Morales, Christina	D	145	•	٠	٠	٠	6	0	2	0	٠	А
Morales, Eddie	D	74	٠	•	•	•	3	0	4	1		D
Morales Shaw, Penny	D	148	٠	٠	•	٠	29	0	12	0	٠	A+
Morrison, Geanie W.	R	30	•	•	•	•	1	6	0	1		F
Muñoz Jr., Sergio	D	36	•	•	•	•	3	0	1	0		D
Murr, Andrew S.	R	53	•	•	•	٠	0	13	1	1		F
Neave Criado, Victoria	D	107	•	٠	٠	٠	5	0	2	0	٠	A+
Noble, Candy	R	89	•	•	•	•	0	19	0	1		F
Oliverson, Tom	R	130	•	•	•	•	2	22	0	3		F
Ordaz, Claudia	D	79	٠	•	٠	•	6	0	1	1	•	В

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1 Iouse Scores			Floor Votes by Issue Area				Authorship		Sponsorship			
Breakdown of Ho	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS			
REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	HE	8	ğ	ă	O U	BA	O U	BA	Ð	GRADE
Orr, Angelia	R	13	•	•	•	•	1	13	1	1		F
Ortega, Evelina "Lina"	D	77	٠	٠		٠	4	0	1	0	٠	A
Patterson, Jared	R	106	•	•	•	•	0	39	0	5		F
Paul, Dennis	R	129	٠	٠	٠	٠	0	24	0	2		F
Perez, Mary Ann	D	144	٠	٠	٠	٠	4	0	0	0		В
Plesa, Mihaela	D	70	٠	٠	•	٠	10	0	7	1	٠	A +
Price, Four	R	87	•	•	•	•	0	7	2	1		F
Ramos, Ana-Maria	D	102	٠	٠	٠	٠	5	0	3	0	٠	A +
Raney, John	R	14	•	٠	•	•	0	7	0	1		F
Raymond, Richard Peña	D	42	٠	•	•	•	3	1	0	0		D
Reynolds, Ron	D	27	٠	٠	٠	٠	10	0	0	0	٠	A +
Rogers, Glenn	R	60	٠	٠	•	٠	0	16	0	2		F
Romero Jr., Ramon	D	90	٠	•	٠	٠	4	0	0	0		с

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Breakdown of House scores			Floo	or Votes	by Issue A	rea	Autho	orship	Sponsorship			
REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	GRADE
Rose, Toni	D	110	•	•	•	•	15	0	3	0	•	A+
Rosenthal, Jon E.	D	135	•	•	•	•	11	0	0	0	٠	A +
Schaefer, Matt	R	6	•	•	•	•	0	14	0	2		F
Schatzline, Nate	R	93	•	•	٠	•	0	18	0	1		F
Schofield, Mike	R	132	•	•	٠	•	0	3	0	0		F
Shaheen, Matt	R	66	•	•	•	•	0	19	1	1		F
Sherman Sr., Carl O.	D	109	N/A*	•	•	•	5	0	2	0		с
Shine, Hugh D.	R	55	٠	•	•	•	0	13	0	1		F
Slaton, Bryan	R	2	Ν/Α†	•	N/A†	•	0	6	0	2		F
Slawson, Shelby	R	59	•	•	•	•	0	24	0	1		F
Smith, Reggie	R	62	•	•	•	•	0	12	0	1		F
Smithee, John T.	R	86	•	٠	•	•	0	8	0	1		F
Spiller, David	R	68	•	•	•		0	26	1	5		F

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1 Iouse Scores			Floor Votes by Issue Area				Auth	orship	Sponsorship			
Breakdown of Ho	ouse scor	res	HEALTHCARE	EDUCATION	DRAG	PREEMPTION	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	GOOD BILLS	BAD BILLS	LGBTQ CAUCUS	
REPRESENTATIVE	PARTY	DISTRICT	Ŧ	8	ğ	ă	ΰ	BA	U U	BA	16	GRADE
Stucky, Lynn	R	64	•	•	•	•	0	18	0	4		F
Swanson, Valoree	R	150	•	•	•	•	1	32	0	5		F
Talarico, James	D	50	•	•	•	٠	6	0	4	0	٠	A+
Tepper, Carl	R	84	•	٠	•	٠	0	25	0	2		F
Thierry, Shawn	D	146	•	•	•	٠	5	0	5	1		F
Thimesch, Kronda	R	65	•	٠	٠	•	2	28	0	5		F
Thompson, Ed	R	29	•	•	•	•	0	6	0	1		F
Thompson, Senfronia	D	141	٠	٠	٠	٠	4	0	1	0	٠	Α
Tinderholt, Tony	R	94	•	•	•	•	0	8	0	0		F
Toth, Steve	R	15	٠	٠	•	٠	0	35	0	6		F
Troxclair, Ellen	R	19	•	•	•	•	2	18	0	2		F
Turner, Chris	D	101	•	٠	•	•	4	0	2	0	٠	А
VanDeaver, Gary	R	1	•	٠	•	•	4	12	2	2		F

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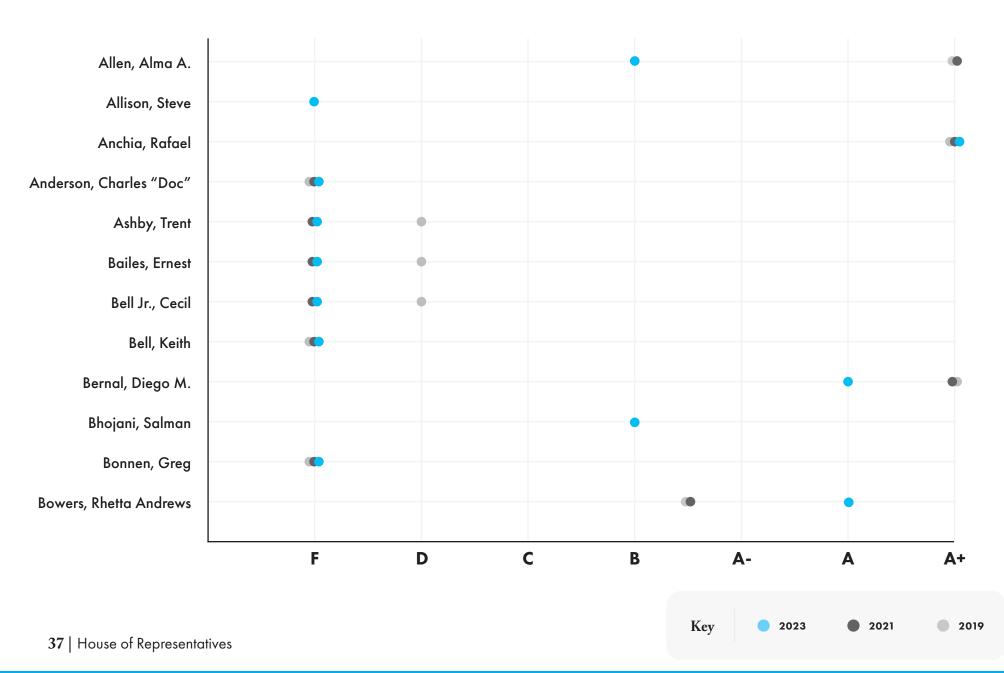
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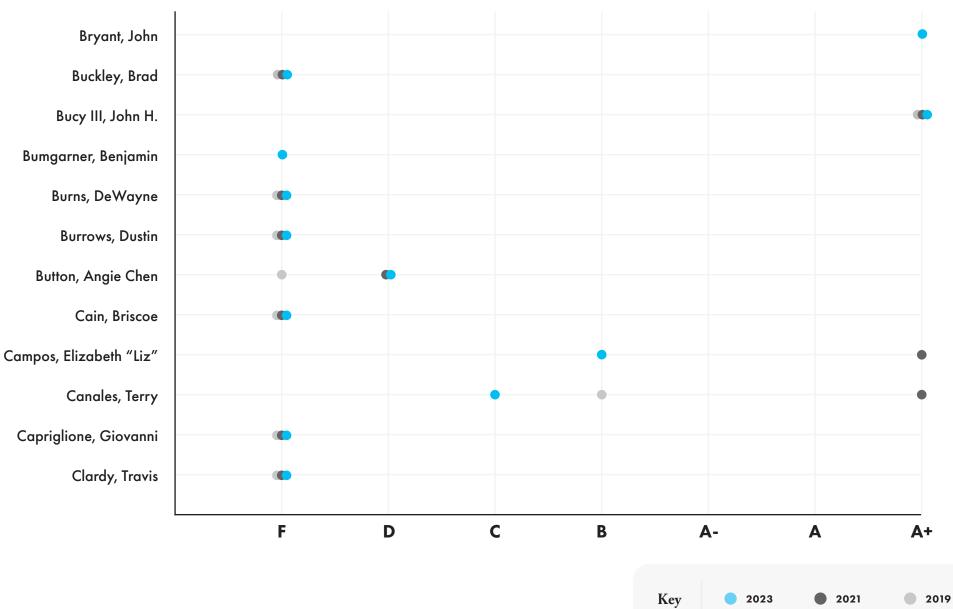
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Vasut, Cody	R	25	•	•	•	•	0	27	0	7		F
Vo, Hubert	D	149	•	•	٠	٠	0	0	0	0		В
Walle, Armando	D	140	•	٠	•	٠	4	0	0	0	٠	В
Wilson, Terry M.	R	20	•	•	•	•	0	41	0	7		F
Wu, Gene	D	137	٠	٠	•	٠	7	0	2	0	٠	A+
Zwiener, Erin	D	45	•	٠	٠	٠	8	0	3	0	٠	A+

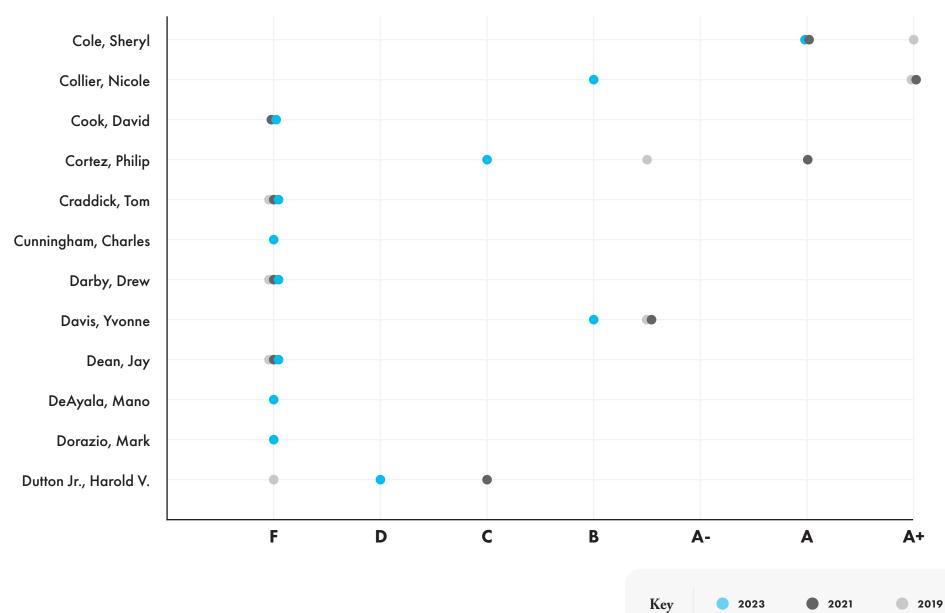
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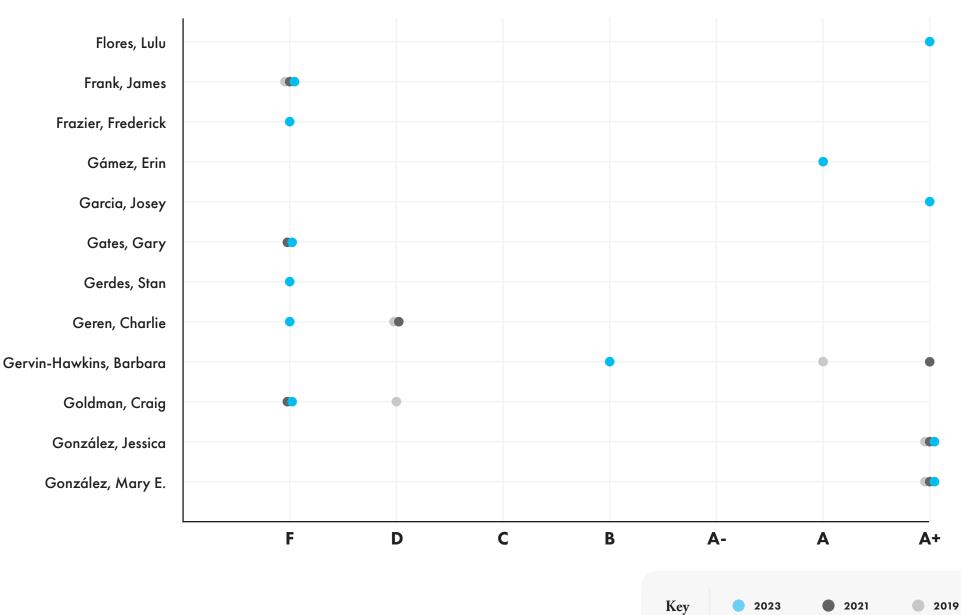
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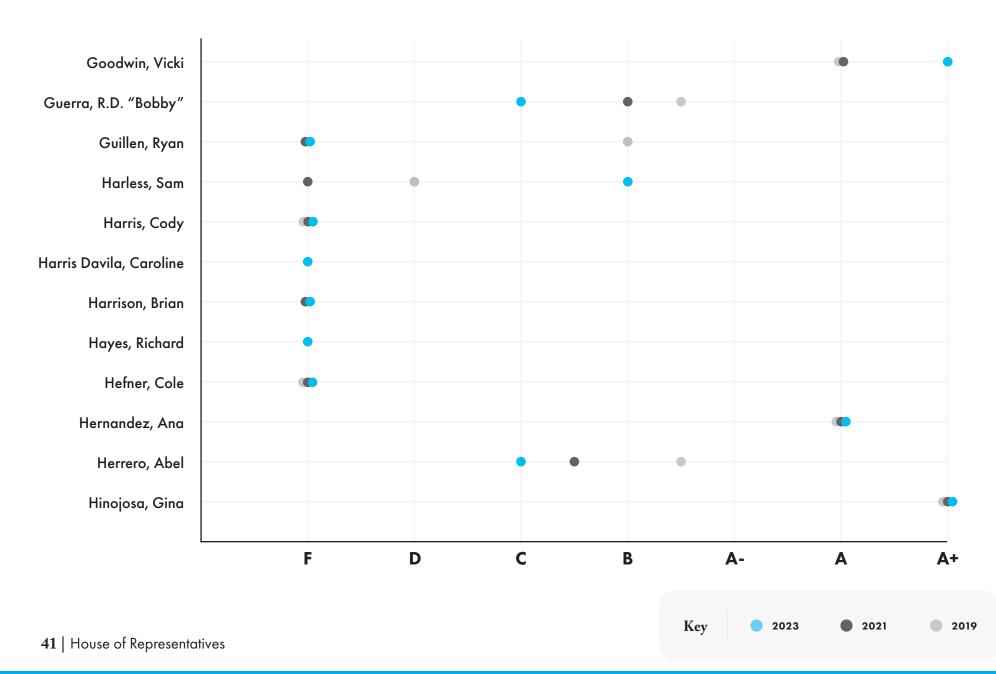




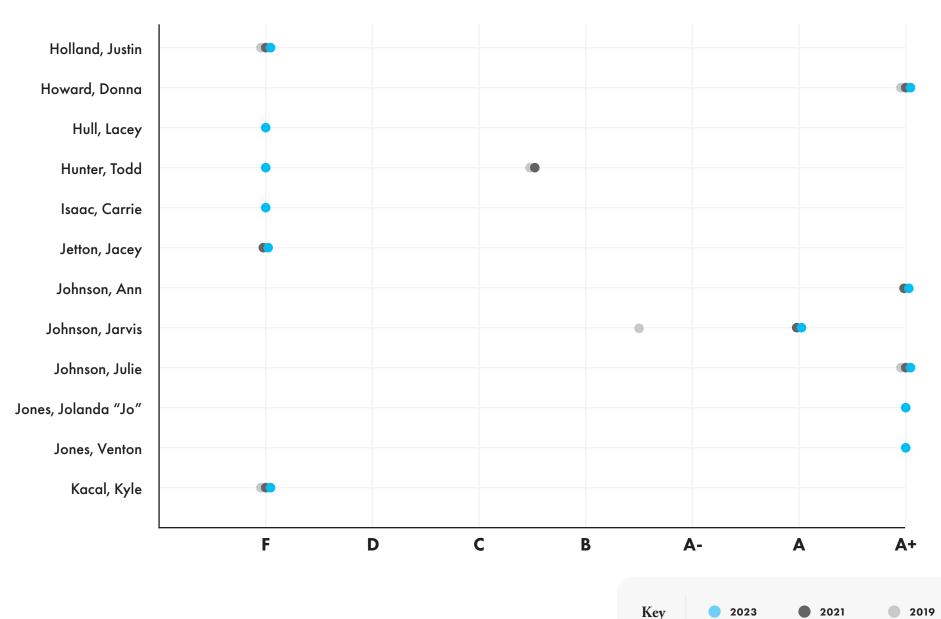
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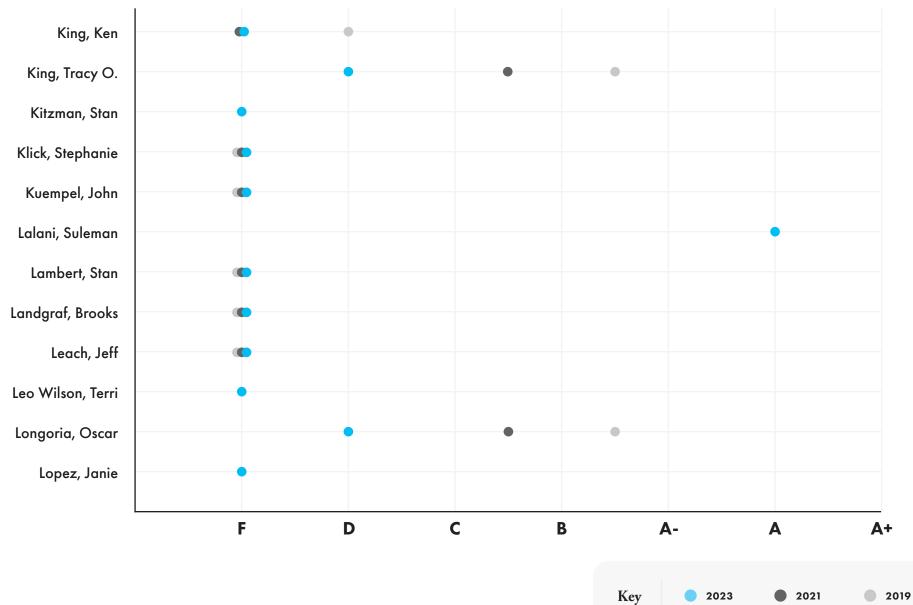
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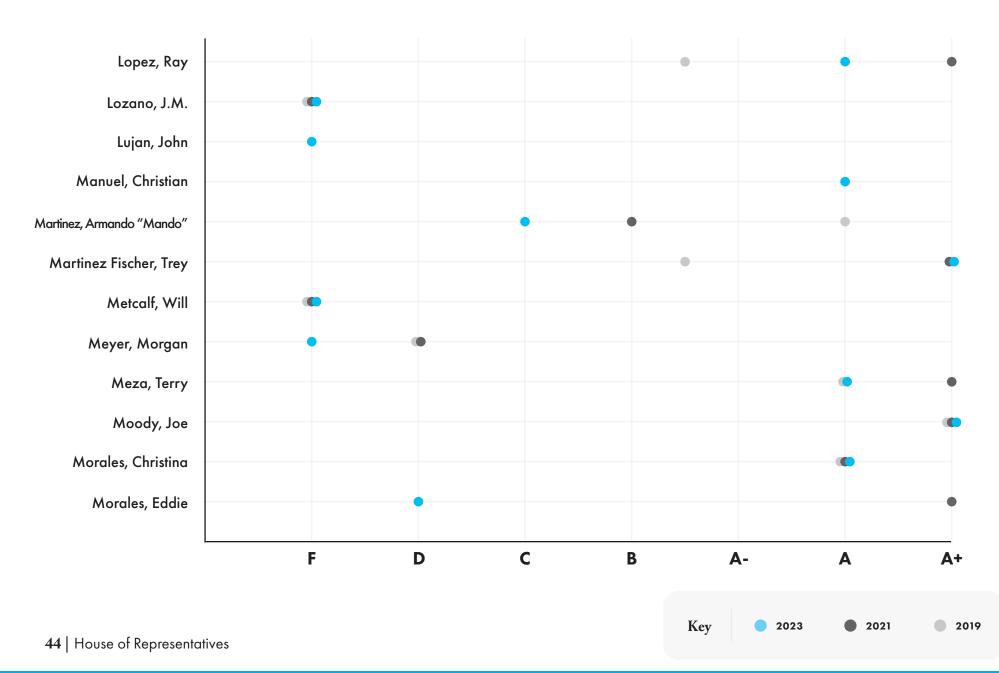


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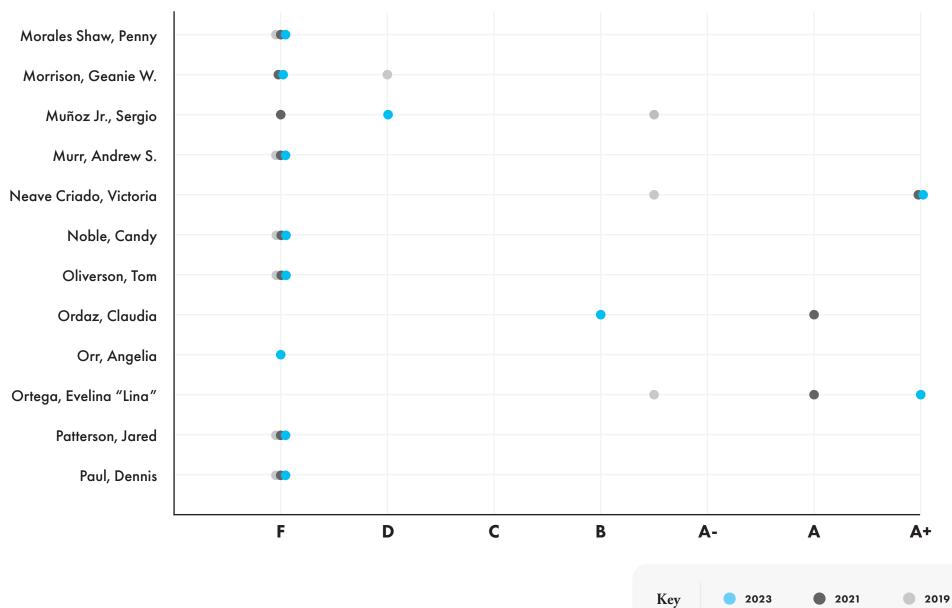


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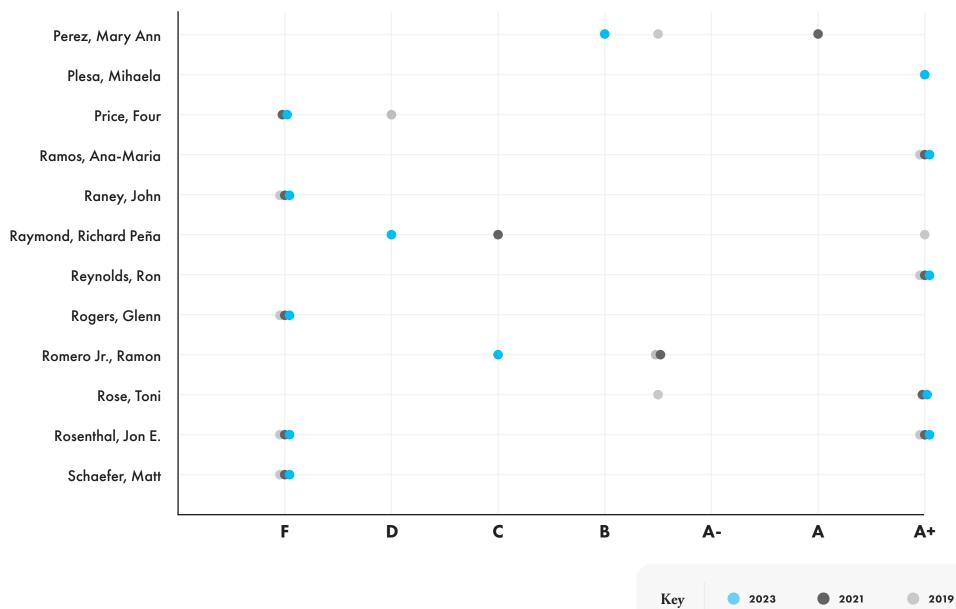




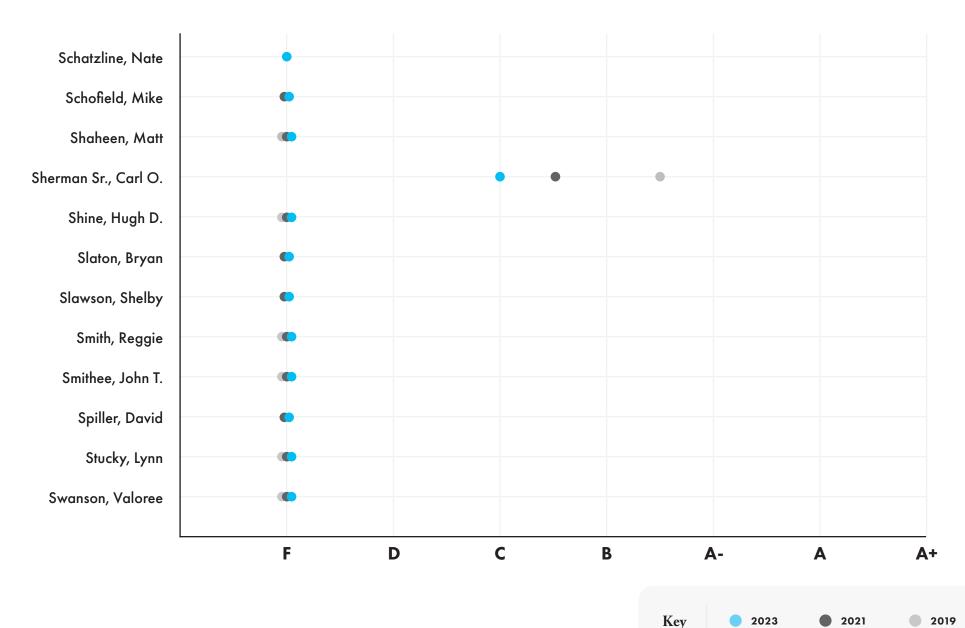
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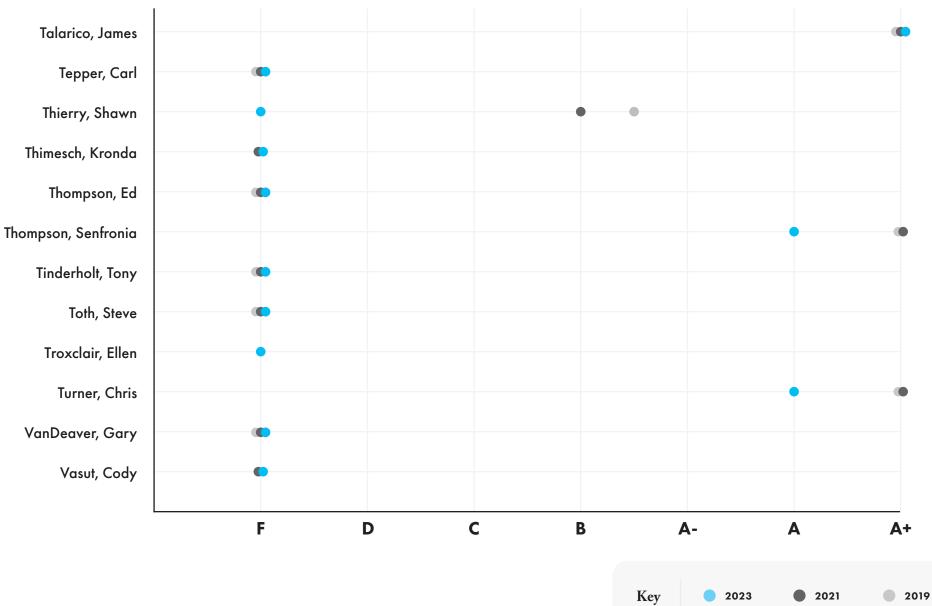
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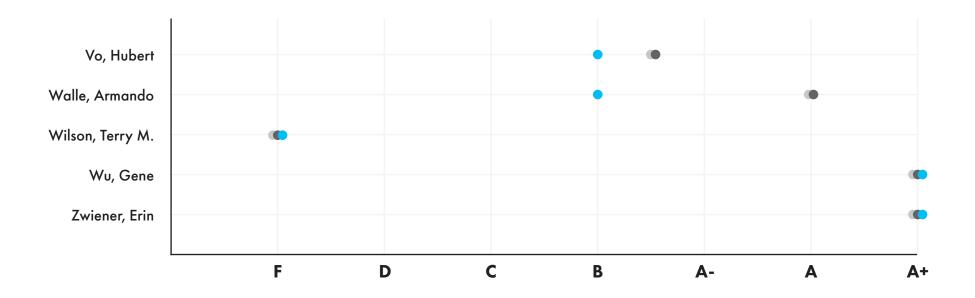
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2021

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Memorable Moments

We met the unprecedented attack on LGBTQIA+ Texans' rights with the power of community. Hundreds of LGBTQIA+ Texans and allies gathered at the Capitol throughout the session to make our voices heard through rallies, meetings with lawmakers, and testimony of our experiences.

Every time we rallied for our rights, hundreds of Texans showed up. We practically moved in to the outdoor rotunda with bright signs, pride flags, and booming megaphones. Leaders spoke words of encouragement and we chanted in unison: "Protect Trans Kids", "Trans Texans Fight Back", and "We're Here, We're Queer, We Won't Disappear."

Transgender Texans and their families demonstrated tremendous courage during Texas' 88th Legislative Session. Parents of trans kids relentlessly fought for their kids by traveling to the capitol and speaking with legislators. And trans young people bravely faced legislative bullies to share their stories during committee hearings.



Texans overwhelmingly showed their support for trans youth by registering formal opinions against bills that would ban life-saving care.

Over 2,900 Texans registered against the worst of those bills, in comparison to fewer than 100 supporting. So many people wanted to register their opinion against HB 1686 that our field director had to juggle five iPads to help people drop cards!

While waiting to give testimony against HB 1686, we painted our nails, shared delicious chocolate chip cookies, and took turns posing for professional headshots. While LGBTQIA+ rights were attacked across the hallway, we supported one another through acts of creativity and kindness. After testimony was cut short by the committee, we watched advocates launch a "die-in" to illustrate the grave consequences of the bill and the harm it would inflict on trans kids in Texas. Lawmakers who had argued that day in favor of transphobic bills ignored the protesters' cries, callously stepping over the bodies covered in fake blood.

The relentless attacks on our community during the legislative session caused us to fight even harder. Our strength resides in our collective joy, resilience, and love for one another. By coming together to fight bills threatening our freedoms, we reminded lawmakers of the true Texan values—friendship & liberty.



Head of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Trey Martinez Fischer, opened his office as a safe space for LGBTQIA+ advocates.



Austin-based LGBTQIA+ advocate Jonathan Van Ness joined us for the All in for Equality Advocacy Day and gave an impassioned speech about the importance of community organizing against anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation.



Community members gathered in the Capitol's outdoor rotunda to mark 100 days of resistance to anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation on April 20, 2023.



Sofia Sepulveda defiantly dropped a banner in the Capitol rotunda that read "Let Trans Kids Grow Up," she was banned from the Capitol for an entire year.



In a climate overtly hostile to LGBTQIA+ Texans, Senator José Menéndez courageously worked on behalf of our community.

Senator Menéndez repeatedly spoke on behalf of LGBTQIA+ Texans on the Senate floor. During committee hearings, he questioned legislators whose intent was to cause harm to the LGBTQIA+ community. He also eloquently and tactfully introduced amendments to bills to illustrate discrimination against LGBTQIA+ Texans and mitigate harm.



When drag storytime and drag venues across the state were threatened, nightlife venues and entertainers mobilized. That moment galvanized community members to speak out against all anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation.





Click here to watch the press conference on YouTube!

When the House companion to SB14 was debated at a Public Health Committee Hearing, thousands showed up to rally in support of trans youth. At midnight, some advocates posed a die-in to demonstrate the harm of the bill. Lawmakers callously walked over the bodies, undisturbed by the consequences of their actions.



On May 2nd, Department of Public Safety officers brutalized transgender Texans of color who were peacefully protesting against SB 14.

Advocates from a variety of organizations across multiple movements spoke at a press conference in response. Equality Texas was joined by Texas Impact, the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry, Avow Texas, Planned Parenthood Votes, Texas AFL-CIO, Move Texas, Black Freedom Factory, and Texas AFT. In a show of true solidarity, faith organizations, abortion rights advocates, union organizers, racial justice advocates, youth civic engagement activists, and educators stood alongside us and voiced their support for LGBTQIA+ Texans.

Rick Levy of Texas AFL-CIO declared the labor movement's support of the dignity and rights of LGBTQIA+ workers. Bee Moorhead of Texas Impact wove threads of commonality when she asserted the interfaith organization's common beliefs in loving one's neighbor, opposition to discrimination, and support for human flourishing. Delma Limones of Avow Texas connected the core values of reproductive justice, bodily autonomy, and care for transgender people. Kimiya Factory of Black Freedom Factory reminded us of the long history of transgender, nonbinary, and queer people of color working to secure our democracy. All speakers who were present denounced state brutality by lawmakers and officers of the law while uplifting transgender Texans' dignity and worth.

Special Session(s)

After the regular legislative session ended in May, Governor Abbott called 4 additional special sessions three of which focused on passing school vouchers.

Abbott's vouchers plan is a government authorized savings account that a family can pull funds from to pay tuition and fees at a private school as well as other educational expenses including transportation, higher education, and private tutoring. The so-called Education Savings Accounts use public tax dollars to fund private education. What is unique about Abbott's plan is that it not only covers private tuition, but other educational expenses as well. Legislators filed 5 Education Savings Account bills during the 3rd and 4 during the 4th special session. Abbott's vouchers plan would take money from public schools, were LGBTQIA+ students are protected under federal civil rights laws, and send them to private schools without nondiscrimination protections.

Private schools are not legally required to protect LGBTQIA+ students from discrimination in the same way as public schools. When they receive federal funds, public schools to adhere to Title IX rules that protect LGBTQIA+ students from discrimination. Not all private schools receive federal funds and those that do can circumvent Title IX through religious exemption. Furthermore, 7 out of the 9 Education Savings Account bills filed during both special sessions include a religious exemption clause. As a result, LGBTQIA+ students who may want to attend private schools are more susceptible to inequitable treatment. In 2019, 156 voucher schools in Florida were found to be discriminatory against LGBTQIA+ students with 83 having policies that allow them to deny admission or expel LGBTQIA+ students. Private schools are even more inaccessible for



LGBTQIA+ students who have overlapping marginalized identities.

Students of color, disabled students, and students in rural areas are not able to access private education in the same way as their peers and may be more susceptible to discrimination. Private schools are more racially segregated than public schools, they are not required to offer disability services protected under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and they are not always in close proximity to rural students. For an LGBTQIA+ student who is a racial minority, disabled, and/or lives in a rural district, an Education Savings Account is not a feasible option for them.

Education Savings Accounts are branded as programs that provide families the option to choose the type of education that they want for their student. However, not all families are able to choose due to discrimination, access, and location concerns. Thankfully, none of the Education Savings Account bills were passed during the 3rd and 4th special sessions. However, this does not mean these types of bills won't be filed in the future. We remain resolutely committed to equality in education, ensuring the safest schools for all Texas students.

Bills that Passed

SB 12: Drag ban

Under the guise of "protecting" children from drag, this bill criminalizes drag by banning certain props, costume accessories, and dance moves.

SB 14: Trans youth health care ban

This bill bans gender affirming care for trans and gender-expansive folks under the age of 18.

SB 15: Trans collegiate sports ban

This bill bans trans and gender-expansive folks from participating in the sport that aligns with their gender identity at the collegiate level.

SB 17: DEI offices ban

This bill eliminates all diversity, equity, and inclusion programs at public universities.

SB 763: Religious chaplains in schools

This bill allows for chaplins to replace school counselors in schools.

HB 900: Book burning act

Exploiting fears about "sexualized" content, this bill bans books with LGBTQIA+ themes, characters, or content.

HB 2127: Preemption of local control (Death Star)

A broad preemption bill that allows the state to preempt all local nondiscrimination ordinances that protect LGBTQIA+ people's access to insurance, housing, and employment.

Have any of these laws affected you or someone you know?

Reach out to us at: info@equalitytexas.org

GOOD BILLS

In the 88th Legislative Session, LGBTQIA+ Texans, we are constantly playing defense against attacks on our liberty, privacy, and community. From start to finish we spent every day fighting for our basic human rights, our survival. But we wanted to do more than defend our community—we wanted to be proactive. We partnered with the Transgender Education Network of Texas and pro-equality legislators to introduce over 100 bills that would have a positive impact on LGBTQIA+ Texans and other communities—policies that would uplift, protect, and support LGBTQIA+ Texans.

Education 61	Health Care 66
Youth 25	Nondiscrimination 26

These categories are not exhaustive

56 | 100 Good Bills

A future where all Texans thrive demands equality in housing, employment, and health care. Building on those priorities and other proactive policies, friendly lawmakers submitted 145 pro-LGBTQIA+ bills.

HB 1012 (J Gonzalez), SB 110 (Menendez), HB 831 (J Johnson), and HB 1534 (Gervin Hawkins) sought to expand opportunities for all by ensuring that sexual orientation and gender identity are not barriers to live, work, and access services in Texas. HB 2985 (V Jones) and HB 1945 (Rosenthal) fought to make it easier for the LGBTQIA+ community to access quality healthcare. HB 72 (Zwiener), HB 97 (Bernal), and HB 2106 (Talarico) fought to allow all students to understand the diverse identities of their peers and the world around them and ensure that school counselors and administration are trained to provide support for students of all identities and backgrounds. HB 690 (Rosenthal) fought to create an office of Community Violence Prevention within the Texas Department of State Health Services to ensure safety at Pride and LGBTQIA+ safe spaces.

While these bills did not gain momentum, we're grateful to the legislators that fought the good fight to ensure the lives of LGBTQIA+ Texans are safeguarded.



Landon Richie, policy associate at the Trans Education Network of Texas (TENT) speaks at the All in for Equality Advocacy Day on March 20, 2023.



Advocates hold up a "Y'all Means All" banner at the Capitol Mall during the Queer March on the Capitol on April 15, 2023.

Comprehensive list of all pro-LGBTQIA+ bill filings from the 88th Legislature organized by issue area

Anti-bullying

HB 72 (Zwiener), HB 4625 (Reynolds), SB 2185 (Menéndez)

Education

HB 26[3]* (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 72 (Zwiener), HB 98 (Moody), HB 906 (Moody), HB 970 (Zwiener), HB 989 (Howard), HB 1119 (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 1135 (Jetton), HB 1157 (Lozano), HB 1249 (Lozano), HB 1334 (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 1485 (Ramos), HB 1537 (Howard), HB 1571 (Lozano), HB 1795 (Howard), HB 1945 (Rosenthal), HB 2048 (Zwiener), HB 2055 (Jones, Venton), HB 2106 (Talarico), HB 2451 (Allison), HB 2479 (Rose), HB 2588 (Talarico), HB 2773 (Bucy), HB 2868 (Thierry), HB 2881 (Plesa), HB 2929 (Lozano), HB 2937 (Lopez), HB 3160 (Moody), HB 3410 (Thierry), HB 3471 (Bucy), HB 3631 (Lalani), HB 3690 (Jones, Jolanda), HB 3800 (King, Ken), HB 4016 (González, Mary), HB 4017 (González, Mary), HB 4200 (Ramos), HB 4545 (Ordaz), HB 4575 (Jones, Jolanda), HB 4625 (Reynolds), HB 5091 (Zwiener), HB 5266 (Zwiener), SB 81 (Johnson), SB 82 (Johnson), SB 111 (Menéndez), SB 113 (Menéndez), SB 449 (Menéndez), SB 633 (Menéndez), SB 662 (LaMantia), SB 891 (Zaffirini), SB 907 (Johnson), SB 948 (West), SB 1101 (Paxton), SB 1157 (Menéndez), SB 1241 (LaMantia), SB 1302(Zaffirini), SB 2046 (Whitmire), SB 2047 (Miles), SB 2185 (Menéndez), SB 2318 (West), SB 2321 (West), SB 2544 (Blanco)

Health Care

HB 496 (Meza), HB 526 (Wu), HB 1162 (Thierry), HB 1165 (Thierry), HB 1390 (Shaheen), HB 1403 (Moody), HB 1679 (Hernandez), HB 1746 (Hernandez), HB 1879 (Darby), HB 1898 (Jetton), HB 2052 (Jones, Venton), HB 2189 (Johnson, Julie), HB 2235 (Jones, Venton), HB 2481 (Garcia), HB 2552 (Thierry), HB 2798 (Bucy), HB 2985 (Jones, Venton), HB 2986 (Jones, Venton), HB 3037 (Landgraf), HB 3377 (Jones, Venton), HB 3548 (Anchía), HB 3838 (Zwiener), HB 4111 (Plesa), HB 4625 (Reynolds), HB 5026 (Bryant), HCR 63 (Hunter), SB 137 (West), SB 439 (Menéndez), SB 840 (West), SB 1365 (Hinojosa), SB 2452 (Menéndez), SB 2473 (Hinojosa)

Mental Health

HB 98 (Moody), HB 906 (Moody), HB 1157 (Lozano), HB 1249 (Lozano), HB 1390 (Shaheen), HB 1485 (Ramos), HB 1502 (Plesa), HB 1879 (Darby), HB 1898 (Jetton), HB 1945 (Rosenthal), HB 2451 (Allison), HB 2588 (Talarico), HB 2610 (Plesa), HB 2868 (Thierry), HB 2929 (Lozano), HB 3631 (Lalani), HB 3800 (King, Ken), HB 4088 (Plesa), HB 4111 (Plesa), HB 4200 (Ramos), SB 113 (Menéndez), SB 633 (Menéndez), SB 891 (Zaffirini), SB 948 (West), SB 1101 (Paxton), SB 1241 (LaMantia), SB 2047 (Miles), SB 2318 (West)

Nondiscrimination

HB 256 (Bernal), HB 265 (Bernal), HB 567 (Bowers), HB 725 (Rose), HB 831 (Johnson, Julie), HB 832 (Johnson, Julie), HB 838 (González, Jessica), HB 850 (Reynolds), HB 1012 (González, Jessica), HB 1020 (Reynolds), HB 1534 (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 1806 (Morales Shaw), HB 2182 (González, Jessica), HB 3410 (Thierry), HB 3918 (Rosenthal), HB 4480 (Rosenthal), HB 4488 (Wu), HB 4884 (Flores), HB 5110 (Bhojani), HJR 143 (Bryant), SB 110 (Menéndez), SB 218 (Eckhardt), SB 219 (Eckhardt), SB 274 (Blanco), SB 676 (Johnson), SB 877 (Eckhardt)

Safety

HB 690 (Rosenthal), HB 1135 (Jetton), HB 1162 (Thierry), HB 1502 (Plesa), HB 1627 (Hernandez), HB 1679 (Hernandez), HB 2052 (Jones, Venton), HB 2189 (Johnson, Julie), HB 3037 (Landgraf), HB 3548 (Anchía), HB 4088 (Plesa), HB 4596 (Hinojosa), HB 4884 (Flores), HB 5017 (Jones, Jolanda), HB 5026 (Bryant), SB 218 (Eckhardt), SB 219 (Eckhardt), SB 439 (Menéndez), SB 840 (West), SB 2473 (Hinojosa), SB 2537 (Menéndez)

Youth

HB 72 (Zwiener), HB 77 (Neave Criado), HB 97 (Bernal), HB 98 (Moody), HB 496 (Meza), HB 567 (Bowers), HB 752 (Rosenthal), HB 832 (Johnson, Julie), HB 906 (Moody), HB 970 (Zwiener), HB 989 (Howard), HB 1102 (Rosenthal), HB 1119 (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 1157 (Lozano), HB 1249 (Lozano), HB 1334 (Gervin-Hawkins), HB 1485 (Ramos), HB 1502 (Plesa), HB 1537 (Howard), HB 1571 (Lozano), HB 1677 (Jetton)), HB 1679 (Hernandez), HB 1746 (Hernandez), HB 1762 (González, Mary), HB 1795 (Howard), HB 1898 (Jetton), HB 1945 (Rosenthal), HB 2048 (Zwiener), HB 2055 (Jones, Venton), HB 2106 (Talarico), HB 2451 (Allison), HB 2479 (Rose), HB 2481 (Garcia), HB 2588 (Talarico), HB 2610 (Plesa), HB 2773 (Bucy), HB 2868 (Thierry), HB 2881 (Plesa), HB 2929 (Lozano), HB 2937 (Lopez), HB 3160 (Moody), HB 3410 (Thierry), HB 3471 (Bucy), HB 3631 (Lalani), HB 3690 (Jones, Jolanda), HB 3800 (King, Ken), HB 4016 (González, Mary), HB 4017 (González, Mary), HB 4088 (Plesa), HB 4200 (Ramos), HB 4480 (Rosenthal), HB 4488 (Wu), HB 4545 (Ordaz), HB 4575 (Jones, Jolanda), HB 4625 (Reynolds), HB 5026 (Bryant), HB 5040 (Garcia), HB 5091 (Zwiener), HB 5266 (Zwiener), HJR 61 (Johnson, Julie), SB 81 (Johnson), SB 82 (Johnson), SB 83 (Johnson), SB 111 (Menéndez), SB 113 (Menéndez), SB 137 (West), SB 228 (Eckhardt), SB 439 (Menéndez), SB 449 (Menéndez), SB 633 (Menéndez), SB 662 (LaMantia), SB 891 (Zaffirini), SB 907 (Johnson), SB 948 (West), SB 1101 (Paxton), SB 1157 (Menéndez), SB 1241 (LaMantia), SB 1302 (Zaffirini), SB 1365 (Hinojosa), SB 2046 (Whitmire), SB 2047 (Miles), SB 2185 (Menéndez), SB 2318 (West), SB 2321 (West), SB 2544 (Blanco)

Miscellaneous

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Government Documentation

HB 1952 (Toth), HB 2862 (Swanson), HB 3147 (Swanson), HB 3213 (Swanson), HB 3883 (Troxclair), HB 3902 (Harrison), SB 162 (Perry)

Health Care

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Prosecutorial Discretion

HB 17 (Cook), HB 125 (Slaton), HB 200 (Leach), HB 1350 (Cook), HB 1732 (Leach), SB 378 (Parker), SB 404 (King), SB 648 (Middleton)

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HB 23 (Swanson), HB 262 (Swanson), SB 15 (Middleton), SB 649 (Middleton)

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Key

Not Passed

Post-Session Resources



Access our Mental Health Toolkit for caregivers of trans and gender-expansive youth

HB 763

HB 763 allows for school counselors to be replaced by chaplains, but it is important to remember that schools have the option to opt out of this.

https://www.glsen.org/resources/educator-resources https://pflag.org/resource/support-hotlines/

HB 900

HB 900 attempts to ban "sexually explicit" materials from school libraries. This is a potential problem, because the bill language is so vague that it could ultimately remove books that have to do with the LGBTQIA+ community, because they believe that sexuality and gender identity is inherently sexual.

https://www.queerliberationlibrary.org/

SB 14

SB 14 bans gender affirming care for trans and nonbinary folks under the age of 18. This is devastating. Some are considering leaving the state, some are being forced to stay and deal with the aftermath of this tragic legislation. The following are some resources:

https://www.southernequality.org/tyep

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SB 15

SB 15 bans trans and nonbinary folks from participating in sports that align with who they are at the collegiate level. We know how devastating that is and we want to help you stay active. Staying active is also another tool that can help with gender dysphoria. You deserve to be able to participate in sports. You deserve to play on the teams that align with your gender identity. Although it does not offer scholarships or provide you with assistance through school, we want to make sure you're staying active and physically healthy. These programs do require payment and are private leagues.

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https://www.houstonssc.com https://sportskind.com/houston https://www.sportsmonkey.com

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San Antonio

https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Programs-Classes-Fun/Programs-Classes/Sports https://sportskind.com/san-antonio https://diablos.leagueapps.com