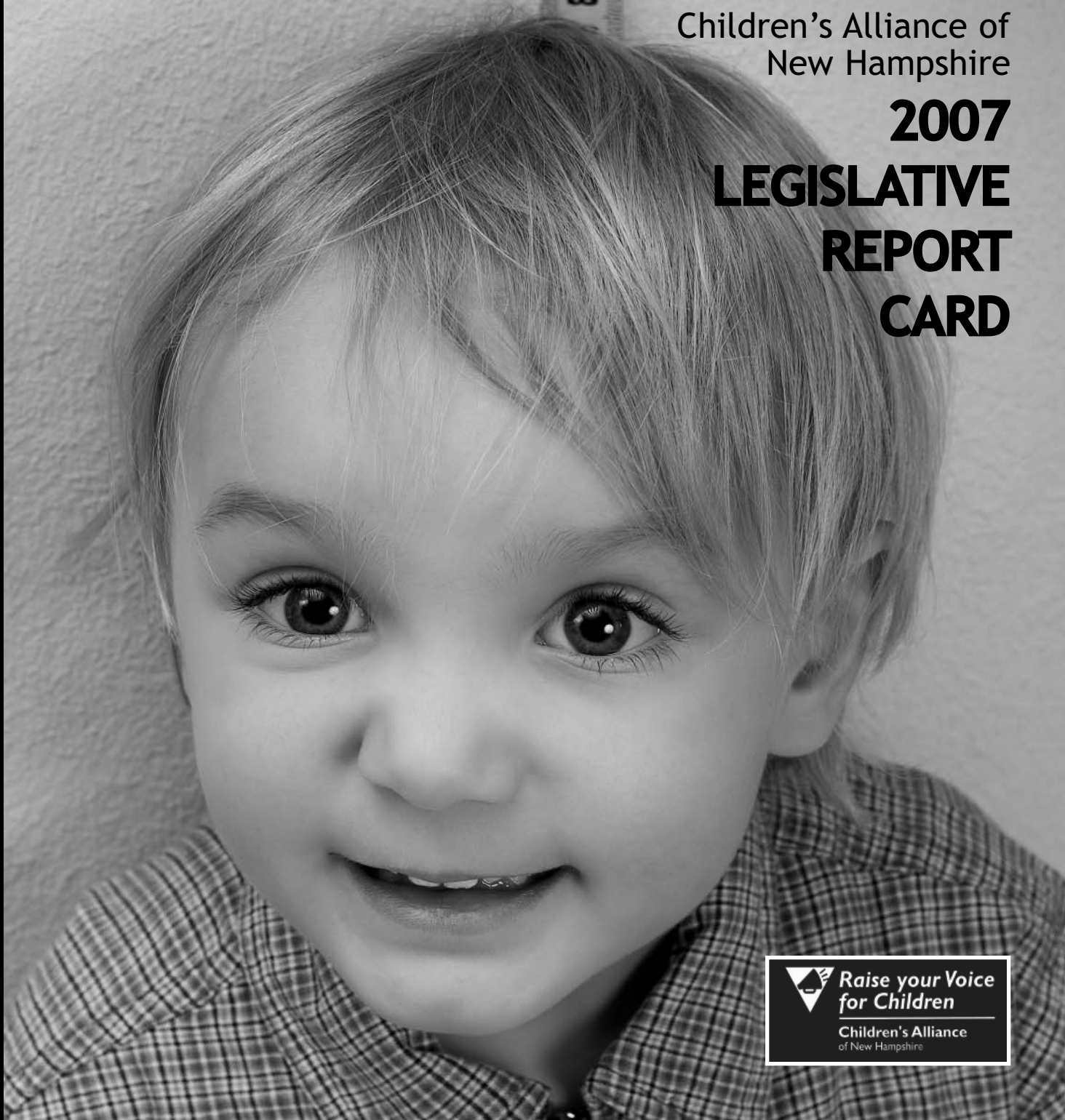


*When it comes to New  
Hampshire's children...*

# How do your officials elected measure up?

Children's Alliance of  
New Hampshire

## **2007 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD**





Promoting and preserving the well being of children is essential to building a strong future for New Hampshire.

When it comes to the well being of our families and children, how do our legislators measure up? The Legislative Report Card helps to answer that question by reporting how legislators voted on the year's critical bills impacting children and families. We do not endorse any candidate for office, but we do believe in holding all elected officials accountable for their votes.

Every two years, legislators cast a vote of particular importance when they take up the state budget. To reflect the critical importance of the budget as the foundation for many of the policies affecting children and families, this year we are featuring a special section on page 11, "The Budget and Public Policy."

The Children's Alliance of New Hampshire is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to promoting the health and well being of all New Hampshire children and families. Through research, publications, and advocacy, we are a strong and independent voice on issues across the spectrum of child and family concerns. We focus on public policies that are not only the right thing to do, but also the smart thing to do - policies that strengthen our state and our economy by investing in the potential of our children.

We urge you to communicate regularly with your legislators and to ask for their support on family friendly legislation. You can find out more about your representatives' contact information and voting record at the statehouse Website, at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us).

You will also find additional tools to help raise your voice for children, including additional copies of this report card to distribute to friends and colleagues, by visiting our website at [www.ChildrenNH.org](http://www.ChildrenNH.org).

## **Raising Our Voices for Children**

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# House of Representatives

The New Hampshire House of Representatives has 400 representatives, from 103 districts. Districts are determined by county, and frequently include more than one town or ward, and more than one representative. You can find your district below, and your districts' representatives on the following pages. You can also find your legislator on the statehouse website, at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us)

## Belknap County

- District 1: Center Harbor, New Hampton  
- 2: Sanbornton, Tilton  
- 3: Meredith  
- 4: Laconia  
- 5: Alton, Barnstead, Belmont, Gilford  
- 6: Gilmanton

## Carroll County

- District 1: Bartlett, Conway, Chatham, Hart's Location, Jackson  
- 2: Albany, Eaton, Madison  
- 3: Freedom, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth  
- 4: Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro  
- 5: Brookfield, Effingham, Wakefield

## Cheshire County

- District 1: Gilsum, Surry, Westmoreland  
- 2: Alstead, Marlow, Nelson, Roxbury, Stoddard, Sullivan, Walpole  
- 3: Keene  
- 4: Chesterfield, Hinsdale, Winchester  
- 5: Fitzwilliam, Richmond  
- 6: Harrisville, Marlborough, Swanzey, Troy  
- 7: Dublin, Jaffrey, Rindge

## Coos County

- District 1: Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Millsfield, Pittsburg, Stewartstown  
- 2: Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Northumberland, Randolph, Stark, Stratford, Whitefield  
- 3: Gorham, Shelburne  
- 4: Berlin, Milan

## Grafton County

- District 1: Littleton, Lyman  
- 2: Bethlehem, Franconia  
- 3: Bath, Easton, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Monroe, Sugar Hill, Waterville Valley  
- 4: Thornton, Woodstock  
- 5: Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren  
- 6: Campton, Ellsworth, Orford, Rummey, Wentworth  
- 7: Hebron, Plymouth  
- 8: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Groton, Holderness  
- 9: Hanover, Lyme  
- 10: Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange  
- 11: Lebanon

## Hillsborough County

- District 1: Antrim, Hancock, Hillsborough, Windsor  
- 2: Bennington, Deering, Franconia, Greenfield  
- 3: Greenville, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Sharon  
- 4: Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, New Boston, Temple, Wilton  
- 5: Brookline, Hollis, Mason  
- 6: Amherst, Milford  
- 7: Goffstown, Weare  
- 8-17: Manchester (Wards 1-12)  
- 18: Bedford  
- 19: Merrimack  
- 20-26: Nashua (Wards 1-9)  
- 27: Hudson, Litchfield, Pelham

## Merrimack County

- District 1: Danbury, New London, Wilmot  
- 2: Franklin, Hill  
- 3: Newbury, Sutton  
- 4: Hopkinton, Warner, Webster  
- 5: Bradford, Henniker  
- 6: Andover, Boscawen, Canterbury, Loudon, Northfield, Salisbury  
- 7: Chichester, Pembroke  
- 8: Allenstown, Epsom, Pittsfield  
- 9: Hooksett  
- 10-12: Concord (Wards 1-7)  
- 13: Bow, Dunbarton

## Rockingham County

- District 1: Candia, Deerfield, Northwood, Nottingham  
- 2: Raymond  
- 3: Auburn, Londonderry  
- 4: Salem, Windham  
- 5: Derry  
- 6: Atkinson  
- 7: Chester, Danville, Sandown  
- 8: Hampstead, Kingston, Plaistow  
- 9: Epping, Fremont  
- 10: Brentwood  
- 11: East Kingston, Newton  
- 12: Newfields, New Market  
- 13: Exeter, North Hampton, Stratham  
- 14: Hampton Falls, Kensington, Seabrook, South Hampton  
- 15: Hampton  
- 16: Newington, Portsmouth  
- 17: Greenland  
- 18: New Castle, Rye

## Strafford County

- District 1: Rochester  
- 2: Rollinsford, Somersworth  
- 3: Barrington, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Strafford  
- 4-6: Dover (Wards 1-6)  
- 7: Durham, Lee, Madbury

## Sullivan County

- District 1: Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield  
- 2: Croydon, Goshen, Newport, Springfield, Washington  
- 3: Sunapee  
- 4: Claremont, Lempster, Unity  
- 5: Acworth, Charlestown, Langdon

# Selected Votes in the New Hampshire House of Representatives

## Senate Bill 226 - FAMILY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

*Sponsors: Senators Iris Estabrook (Prime), District 21; Kathy Sgambati, District 4; Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Molly Kelly, District 10; and Representatives Thomas Donovan (Claremont), Elizabeth Hager (Concord), Cindy Rosenwald (Nashua), Sharon Nordgren (Hanover), Mary Jane Wallner (Concord)*

New Hampshire law on family assistance sets two long-term goals: to enable families to achieve financial self-sufficiency and to raise children out of poverty. In 2006, the state made sweeping changes to the TANF program which shifted the focus away from outcomes, and restricted the state's ability to implement programs which move families into long-term self-sufficiency. SB 226 maximized state flexibility to meet federal requirements, and required outcome measures to keep the focus where it belongs: on moving families out of poverty and into meaningful work. The House supported SB 226 by a vote of 232-116, and it was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES on the committee recommendation of Ought to Pass.

## House Bill 927 - KINDERGARTEN AS A PART OF AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION

*Sponsors: Representatives Emma Rous (Durham), Nancy Stiles (Hampton); and Senators Bob Odell, District 8; Joseph Foster, District 13*

Public education builds a healthy community and thriving workforce, and statewide public kindergarten is the foundation of that effort. Research shows that students who attend kindergarten have higher educational outcomes throughout school, and are more likely to complete high school and go on to college. HB 927 was the legislature's first serious effort to define an adequate education, and the House Education Committee amended the bill to include half-day kindergarten in the definition. The House supported the amendment, 223-134, helping to reverse New Hampshire's legacy as the only state in the union without statewide public kindergarten.

A vote for children was a YES on the Majority Committee Amendment.

## Senate Bill 93 - EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

*Sponsors: Senators Margaret Hassan, District 23; Iris Estabrook, District 21; John Barnes, District 17; Harold Janeway, District 7; Molly Kelly, District 10; and Representatives Mary Jane Wallner (Concord), Eileen Flockhart (Exeter), Suzanne Butcher (Keene), Elizabeth Hager (Concord)*

Early intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental challenges are an effective and affordable investment in our children's health, and frequently help to avoid more intensive and expensive interventions later. SB 93 required insurance providers to cover early intervention therapy for children age 0-36 months. The bill passed the Senate and was supported by the House, 214-135, and was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES on the committee report of Ought to Pass as Amended.

## Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution 18- EDUCATION AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

*Sponsors: Senators Joseph Foster, District 13; Bob Odell, District 8; Peter Burling, District 5; Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; and Representatives Sharon Nordgren (Hanover), Martha McLeod (Franconia), Tara Reardon (Concord), Nancy Stiles (Hampton)*

The New Hampshire Constitution ensures that all children in our state have a fundamental right to a public education, a right which lays the groundwork for a healthy society. The House Finance Committee's amendment to CACR 18 would have changed the Constitution to reduce the state's obligation to provide an adequate education (by reducing the means test from 'strict oversight' to 'rational basis'), and done little to achieve its stated goal of relieving disparity across our communities. The House rejected the amendment by a vote of 253-108, and voted to indefinitely postpone discussion on the topic.

A vote for children was a NO on the committee report of Ought to Pass as Amended.

## House Bill 790 - HEALTH COVERAGE EXPANSION

*Sponsors: Representatives Martha McLeod (Franconia), Sharon Nordgren (Hanover), Cindy Rosenwald (Nashua), Edward Moran (Bedford); and Senators Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Margaret Hassan, District 23*

Adequate health coverage is a critical component of health and wellness, as well as economic stability, yet New Hampshire's young people- those between the ages of 18 and 24- are the least likely residents to carry adequate health insurance. HB 790 allows young people to stay on their family medical plans through the age of 25, ensuring strong, healthy families in New Hampshire. The House supported this effort, 222-135, and the bill was signed into law.

A vote for children was a YES on committee report of Ought to Pass as Amended.



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Abbott, Dennis	Rock	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	80
Aguiar, James	Graf	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Ahlgren, Christopher	Carr	4	-	-	★	-	-	40	25	40
Allen, Janet	Belk	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Allen, Mary	Rock	11	-	-	-	★	-	20	60	25
Allen, Peter	Ches	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Almy, Susan	Graf	11	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Andersen, Gene	Graf	11	A	★	★	★	-	75	100	100★
Anderson, Eric	Merr	13	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Arsenault, Beth	Belk	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Baldasaro, Alfred	Rock	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Baroody, Benjamin	Hills	13	★	A	★	-	A	66	80	80
Barry, Richard	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Batula, Peter	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Baxley, Maureen	Merr	6	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Beauchesne, Suzanne	Merr	8	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Beaulieu, Jane	Hills	17	★	A	★	-	A	66	100★	100★
Beck, Catriona	Hills	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Bedrick, Jason	Rock	4	A	-	-	★	-	25	NA	NA
Belanger, Ronald	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Benn, Bernard	Graf	9	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	80
Bergeron, Jean-Guy	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Bergin, Peter	Hills	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	80
Berube, Roger	Straf	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	80
Bettencourt, David	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Billian, Deborah	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Bishop, Franklin	Rock	2	A	A	-	★	A	50	20	50
Blanchard, Elizabeth	Merr	10	★	★	★	★	-	80	100	100★
Bleyler, Ruth	Graf	9	A	★	A	A	★	100	80	100★
Borden, David	Rock	18	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Bouchard, Candace	Merr	11	★	★	A	-	★	75	100★	80
Boyce, Laurie	Belk	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Brennan, William	Straf	1	★	A	★	-	A	66	NA	NA
Bridgman, Robert	Carr	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Brown, C. Pennington	Rock	9	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Brown, Carole	Merr	8	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Brown, Carolyn	Carr	1	★	-	-	★	-	40	40	25
Brown, George	Straf	1	A	★	A	A	★	100	NA	NA
Brown, Jennifer	Straf	5	A	★	★	★	★	100	100★	80
Brown, Julie	Straf	1	★	★	-	★	-	60	100★	75
Brown, Larry	Straf	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Browne, Brendon	Straf	4	★	★	★	-	A	75	NA	NA
Brueggemann, Donald	Merr	12	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	100
Brunelle, Michael	Hills	17	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Buco, Thomas	Carr	1	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	100
Bulis, Lyle	Graf	1	-	-	A	★	-	25	NA	NA
Burke, Rachel	Straf	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Burridge, Delmar	Ches	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Butcher, Suzanne	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Butler, Edward	Carr	1	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Butterworth, Timothy	Ches	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Butynski, William	Ches	4	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Buxton, Donald	Rock	10	★	-	★	★	-	60	60	60
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline	Rock	16	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Camm, Kevin	Rock	8	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Campbell, David	Hills	24	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	80
Carson, Sharon	Rock	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Case, Frank	Rock	1	★	-	-	★	-	40	NA	NA
Casey, Kimberley	Rock	11	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	100★
Chandler, Gene	Carr	1	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Charron, Gene	Rock	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	33	20
Chase, Claudia	Hills	2	★	★	A	-	★	75	80	100★
Chase, William	Ches	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Christensen, Chris	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	40
Christiansen, Lars	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Clark, Charles	Belk	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Clark, Mark	Hills	18	-	A	-	★	A	33	33	0

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Clarke, Claire	Merr	6	★	★	-	-	★	60	100	100
Clemons, Jane	Hills	24	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	80
Cloutier, John	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Converse, Larry	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Cooney, Mary	Graf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Cote, David	Hills	23	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	67
Cote, Peter	Hills	25	★	A	★	-	A	66	100	100
Coughlin, Pamela	Hills	4	-	-	-	★	-	40	20	20
Crane, Elenore Casey	Hills	21	A	-	-	★	-	25	0	20
Cunningham, Howard	Carr	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Cyr, James	Straf	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Daler, Jennifer	Hills	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Dalrymple, David	Rock	4	A	-	-	A	-	0	NA	NA
Daniels, Gary	Hills	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Davis, Frank	Merr	7	★	★	★	A	★	100	NA	NA
Day, Judith	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Day, Russell	Hills	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
DeChane, Marlene	Straf	3	★	★	A	-	★	75	NA	NA
DeJoie, John	Merr	11	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	100
Denley, William	Carr	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
DesRoches, Michael	Hills	10	A	A	A	A	A	NA	NA	NA
DeStefano, Stephen	Merr	13	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	80
Devine, James	Rock	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
DiFruscia, Anthony	Rock	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	60
Dingman, Vernon	Graf	5	-	A	-	★	A	33	NA	NA
Dokmo, Cynthia	Hills	6	-	★	-	★	★	60	75	60
Domingo, Baldwin	Straf	5	A	★	A	★	-	66	100	80
Donovan, Thomas	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	80
Drisko, Richard	Hills	5	-	-	★	★	-	40	80	40
Dumaine, Dudley	Rock	3	-	-	A	★	-	20	0	0
Dunn, J. Timothy	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	80
Eaton, Daniel	Ches	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	80
Eaton, Stephanie	Graf	1	A	A	-	★	A	50	66	20
Edwards, Andrew	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Ehlers, Eileen	Merr	9	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Elliott, Nancy	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	-	20	33	0
Elliott, Robert	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Emerson, Susan	Ches	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	60
Emerton, Larry	Hills	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	80	20
Emiro, Frank	Rock	3	-	-	-	★	★	40	NA	NA
Espiefs, Peter	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Essex, David	Hills	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Estes, Carole	Graf	7	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Fargo, Thomas	Straf	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Farley, Michael	Hills	15	A	A	A	-	A	0	NA	NA
Ferland, Brenda	Sull	5	★	★	-	★	-	60	100★	80
Fesh, Bob	Rock	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Flanders, Donald	Belk	4	A	-	-	A	-	0	40	50
Flanders, John	Rock	8	★	-	-	★	-	40	40	60
Fletcher, Richard	Hills	7	A	-	-	★	★	50	NA	NA
Flockhart, Eileen	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Fontas, Jeffrey	Hills	24	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Foose, Robert	Merr	1	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	67
Forest, Armand	Hills	17	A	★	A	A	★	100	NA	NA
Forsing, Robert	Rock	2	A	-	A	A	★	50	25	20
Foster, Linda	Hills	4	P	★	-	-	★	75	100★	80
Francoeur, Bea	Hills	26	A	-	-	A	A	0	25	0
Franklin, Peter	Sull	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	80
French, Barbara	Merr	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Friedrich, Carol	Graf	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Gagnon, Raymond	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Garcia, Marilinda	Rock	4	A	-	-	A	-	0	NA	NA
Gargas, Carolyn	Hills	5	★	★	A	★	★	100	80	50
Garrity, James	Rock	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	80
Garrity, Patrick	Hills	14	★	★	★	-	★	80	50	100★
Gile, Mary	Merr	10	★	★	★	★	A	100	100	100★
Ginsburg, Ruth	Hills	20	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100

**Legend**

- ★ - Vote for children
- - Vote against children
- ★ (in Score column) - Honor Roll

- A - Absent or abstained
- C - Conflict of interest (no vote)
- NA - Not applicable
- P - Presiding (did not vote)



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			HB 927 - Statewide Kindergarten	SB 93 - Early Intervention	CACR 18 - Adequate Education	HB 790 - Health Coverage			
Gionet, Edmond	Graf	3	★	-	-	★	40	20	60
Gleason, John	Rock	5	-	-	A	A	0	NA	NA
Goley, Jeffrey	Hills	8	★	★	★	-	60	60	60
Goodwin, Earle	Straf	6	★	★	-	-	40	50	80
Gorman, Mary	Hills	23	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	60
Gottling, Suzanne	Sull	3	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Gould, Kenneth	Rock	5	★	★	-	★	60	100★	60
Goyette, Peter	Hills	27	-	A	A	A	0	20	0
Graham, John	Hills	18	-	-	-	★	20	40	60
Grassie, Anne	Straf	1	A	★	★	★	100	100	67
Greco, Vincent	Merr	7	★	★	★	★	100	33	80
Griffin, Mary	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	20	20	40
Grote, Otto	Rock	18	A	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Guthrie, Joseph	Rock	8	-	-	-	★	20	NA	NA
Hackel, Paul	Hills	21	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Haefner, Robert	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	20	NA	NA
Hager, Elizabeth	Merr	12	★	★	★	★	100★	100	75
Haley, Robert	Hills	14	★	★	★	-	80	80	80
Hall, Betty	Hills	5	★	★	★	★	100★	100	100
Hamm, Christine	Merr	4	A	★	★	A	100	100★	100★
Hammond, Jill	Hills	3	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Hammond, Lee	Graf	11	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Hansen, Ryan	Hills	6	-	-	-	A	0	0	0
Harding, A Laurie	Graf	11	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Harvey, Suzanne	Hills	21	★	★	★	-	80	100	100★
Hatch, William	Coos	3	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Hawkins, Ken	Hills	18	-	-	-	★	20	0	0
Headd, James	Rock	3	-	-	-	★	20	0	0
Heald, Bruce	Belk	3	A	A	-	A	0	33	20
Heard, Virginia	Carr	3	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Hebert, Roger	Hills	12	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Henson, John	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Hess, David	Merr	9	A	-	-	★	25	66	33
Hilliard, Dana	Straf	2	★	A	★	A	100	100	100
Hinkle, Peyton	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	20	0	20
Hofemann, Roland	Straf	6	★	★	A	-	75	80	80
Hogan, Edith	Hills	25	-	-	-	★	20	NA	NA
Holden, Randolph	Hills	7	-	-	★	★	60	40	25
Hopfgarten, Paul	Rock	5	-	-	-	★	20	0	0
Houde, Matthew	Sull	1	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Howard, Doreen	Rock	12	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Hubbard, Pamela	Straf	1	★	★	A	★	100	NA	NA
Humphries, Charlie	Merr	9	-	-	-	★	20	NA	NA
Hunt, John	Ches	7	-	-	-	★	20	25	50
Hunter, Bruce	Hills	7	A	-	A	A	0	100	20
Hutchinson, Karen	Rock	3	-	-	★	★	60	100	50
Hutz, Sarah	Straf	5	★	★	A	-	75	NA	NA
Infantine, William	Hills	13	-	-	-	★	20	0	20
Ingbretson, Paul	Graf	5	-	-	-	★	20	0	20
Ingersoll, Paul	Coos	4	A	★	A	A	100	NA	NA
Ingram, Russell	Rock	4	★	-	-	★	40	40	60
Introne, Robert	Rock	3	-	A	-	★	33	50	0
Irwin, Anne-Marie	Hills	3	★	★	★	-	80	75	100★
Itse, Daniel	Rock	9	-	-	-	★	20	25	0
Jasper, Shawn	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	20	0	20
Jean, Claudette	Hills	25	★	★	★	-	80	100	100★
Jeu, Jean	Hills	10	A	★	A	A	100	60	NA
Jillette, Arthur	Sull	2	★	★	★	-	80	80	67
Johnson, Jane	Ches	6	-	-	★	★	40	NA	NA
Johnson, Robert	Rock	1	★	-	-	★	40	60	60
Johnson, Stephen	Hills	13	★	A	A	-	50	NA	NA
Kaelin, Michael	Hills	4	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Kaen, Naida	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	75
Kappler, Lawrence	Rock	2	-	-	-	★	20	NA	NA
Katsakiores, George	Rock	5	-	-	-	★	20	40	40
Katsakiores, Phyllis	Rock	5	-	-	-	A	0	40	40
Katsiantonis, George	Hills	17	A	★	A	-	66	NA	NA

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Kelley, Jane	Rock	15	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kelley, John	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kelly, Sally	Merr	7	★	★	A	-	75	NA	NA
Kennedy, James	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kepner, Susan	Rock	15	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kidder, David	Merr	1	-	★	★	★	80	40	20
King, Frederick	Coos	1	-	-	-	★	20	66	40
Kjellman, Eleanor Glynn	Merr	5	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Knowles, John	Hills	27	★	★	A	-	75	NA	NA
Knowles, Mary Ann	Hills	27	★	★	A	-	75	NA	NA
Knowles, William	Straf	6	★	★	★	-	80	75	100★
Knox, J. David	Carr	4	-	★	★	★	75	80	60
Kopka, Angeline	Hills	26	★	★	A	-	75	100★	100★
Kurk, Neal	Hills	7	-	-	-	★	20	20	40
L'Heureux, Robert	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	20	20	20
Laliberte, Suzanne	Graf	10	A	A	★	-	50	NA	NA
Lasky, Bette	Hills	26	★	★	★	-	80	100★	80
Lawrence, James	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	20	25	0
Leishman, Peter	Hills	6	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Lerandau, Alfred	Ches	6	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Lessard, Rudy	Hills	27	A	A	-	A	0	0	0
Levasseur, Nickolas	Hills	11	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Levesque, Melanie	Hills	5	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Lisle, Carolyn	Hills	26	★	A	★	-	66	NA	NA
Lister, Charlotte	Rock	7	★	-	★	-	60	NA	NA
Lockwood, Priscilla	Merr	6	★	★	-	★	60	80	60
Loll, Thomas	Ches	6	★	A	★	A	100	NA	NA
Long, Patrick	Hills	10	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Lovett, Sid	Graf	8	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Lund, Howie	Rock	5	-	-	-	★	20	0	0
Mack, Ron	Hills	1	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
MacKay, James	Merr	11	★	-	-	★	60	100	50
Major, Norman	Rock	8	-	-	A	★	25	40	40
Manney, Pamela	Hills	7	A	-	A	-	0	25	40
Marsh, Michael	Rock	17	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Marshall, Seth	Hills	23	★	A	A	-	66	NA	NA
Martin, James	Carr	5	-	-	-	★	20	40	40
Martineau, Jesse	Hills	16	A	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Matarazzo, Anthony	Hills	20	A	★	★	A	100	80	100★
Matheson, Robert	Graf	4	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
McCarthy, Linda	Rock	5	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
McEachern, Paul	Rock	16	★	★	A	★	100	NA	NA
McGuirk, Thomas	Rock	15	A	A	A	A	NA	NA	NA
McKenna, Daniel	Rock	5	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
McKinney, Betsy	Rock	3	A	-	-	★	25	20	40
McLeod, Martha	Graf	2	★	A	A	-	66	100★	100
McMahon, Charles	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	20	0	40
McMahon, Patricia	Merr	3	★	★	★	-	80	100	80
McRae, Karen	Hills	7	-	-	-	★	20	25	20
Mears, Edgar	Coos	4	★	★	A	-	75	66	60
Merrick, Evalyn	Coos	2	A	★	★	-	75	NA	NA
Merrick, Scott	Coos	2	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Merrrow, Harry	Carr	3	-	-	-	★	20	20	40
Mesa, Lily	Hills	17	★	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Messier, Irene	Hills	17	A	-	-	A	0	75	80
Mickelonis, Shawn	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Miller, Joseph	Straf	7	★	★	A	-	75	66	100★
Millham, Alida	Belk	5	-	★	★	-	60	75	67
Mitchell, Bonnie	Ches	7	★	★	★	-	80	100★	100
Moody, Marcia	Rock	12	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Mooney, Maureen	Hills	19	-	-	-	★	20	20	40
Moore, Benjamin	Rock	14	A	A	-	★	50	100	0
Moore, Bennett	Rock	15	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Moran, Edward	Hills	18	-	-	A	★	50	66	50
Morrison, Gail	Belk	2	★	★	A	★	100	100	100★
Movsesian, Lori	Hills	22	★	★	★	-	80	100★	80
Mulholland, Catherine	Graf	10	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100

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Nagle, Maureen	Hills	15	★	A	A	-	A	50	NA	NA
Nedeau, Stephen	Belk	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Nielsen, Ellen	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Nord, Susi	Rock	1	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Nordgren, Sharon	Graf	9	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Norelli, Terie	Rock	16	P	P	P	P	P	NA	100★	100★
Nowe, Ronald	Rock	9	-	-	A	★	-	25	0	20
O'Brien, Michael	Hills	26	★	★	★	-	★	75	NA	NA
O'Connell, Timothy	Hills	6	-	A	-	★	A	66	40	40
O'Keefe Peter	Rock	14	NA	A	NA	NA	A	NA	NA	NA
O'Neil, James	Hills	19	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Ober, Lynne	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Ober, Russell	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Oppenheimer, Kay	Straf	3	★	A	A	A	A	100	NA	NA
Osborne, Jessie	Merr	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Owen, Derek	Merr	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	100
Packard, Sherman	Rock	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Pantelakos, Laura	Rock	16	★	★	A	-	★	75	100	80
Parkhurst, Henry	Ches	4	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Patten, Betsey	Carr	4	★	-	-	★	-	40	20	40
Pearson, Mark	Rock	4	A	-	★	A	★	66	NA	NA
Pelkey, Stephen	Ches	7	A	-	-	A	-	0	66	50
Perry, Robert	Straf	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Peterson, Andy	Hills	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Phinizy, James	Sull	5	★	★	A	★	★	100	100★	60
Pierce, David	Graf	9	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Pilliod, James	Belk	5	★	-	★	★	★	80	66	75
Pilotte, Maurice	Hills	16	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Plifka, Stanley	Ches	4	★	A	★	-	A	66	100	80
Porter, Margaret	Merr	8	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Potter, Frances	Merr	10	A	★	★	★	★	100	100★	100★
Powers, James	Rock	16	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Preston, Mark	Rock	14	★	A	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Preston, Philip	Graf	8	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Price, Pamela	Hills	26	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	25
Priestley, Anne	Rock	4	★	-	-	★	-	40	75	20
Quandt, Marshall	Rock	13	-	A	★	★	A	66	0	20
Quandt, Matthew	Rock	13	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Rausch, James	Rock	5	A	-	-	A	-	0	33	40
Reagan, John	Rock	1	-	-	★	★	-	40	NA	NA
Reardon, Tara	Merr	11	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	100★
Reed, Dennis	Merr	2	-	A	-	★	A	33	100	25
Reever, Judith	Belk	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Reeves, Sandra	Hills	8	-	-	A	★	-	25	0	25
Remick, William	Coos	2	-	-	★	★	★	60	60	80
Renzullo, Andrew	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Reuschel, Michael	Hills	14	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Richardson, Barbara	Ches	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Richardson, Gary	Merr	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Roberts, Kris	Ches	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	80
Robertson, Carl	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Robertson, Timothy	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Rochette, Eric	Hills	20	★	A	A	-	A	50	50	100
Rodeschin, Beverly	Sull	2	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Rollo, Deanna	Straf	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Rollo, Michael	Straf	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	80
Rosenwald, Cindy	Hills	22	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	100
Rous, Emma	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Rowe, Robert	Hills	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Russell, David	Belk	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	40
Russell, Trinka	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Ryan, Jim	Merr	2	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Sad, Tara	Ches	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Sanders, Elisabeth	Rock	7	-	-	-	★	-	20	33	50
Scannell, David	Hills	9	★	NA	NA	-	NA	50	NA	NA

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Schmidt, Peter	Straf	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Schulze, Joan	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Serlin, Christopher	Rock	16	A	★	A	A	★	100	100	100★
Shattuck, Gilman	Hills	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Shaw, Barbara	Hills	16	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	80
Shaw, Kimberly	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	80
Shurtleff, Stephen	Merr	10	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	80
Simon, Anthony	Hills	11	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Skinder, Carla	Sull	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Smith, David	Hills	22	★	★	-	-	-	40	60	80
Smith, Marjorie	Straf	7	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Smith, Sandra	Hills	9	★	A	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Snow, Richard	Rock	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Solomon, Peter	Graf	10	★	★	-	★	★	80	60	80
Sorg, Gregory	Graf	3	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	0
Soucy, Connie	Hills	17	-	-	-	★	-	20	NA	NA
Spang, Judith	Straf	7	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Spaulding, Jayne	Hills	18	★	A	-	★	A	66	NA	NA
Spraine, James	Rock	16	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Sprague, Dale	Straf	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Spratt, Stephen	Hills	3	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Srniec, Robert	Straf	3	★	★	A	★	★	100	NA	NA
Stepanek, Stephen	Hills	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Stevens, Stanley	Carr	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	33
Stiles, Nancy	Rock	15	-	★	-	★	-	40	40	60
Stohl, Eric	Coos	1	A	-	A	A	-	0	20	40
Sullivan, Daniel	Hills	8	A	★	★	A	★	100	NA	NA
Sullivan, Francis	Hills	12	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100
Sysyn, Mary	Hills	11	A	A	★	-	A	50	NA	NA
Tahir, Saghir	Hills	9	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Theberge, Robert	Coos	4	★	★	★	-	★	80	60	100★
Tholl, John	Coos	2	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	40
Thomas, John	Belk	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	40
Thomas, Yvonne	Coos	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Tilton, Franklin	Belk	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Tilton, Joy	Merr	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Tobin, William	Belk	2	-	-	-	★	-	20	25	0
Tupper, Frank	Merr	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	100★
Ulery, Jordan	Hills	27	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	0
Vachon, Dennis	Straf	3	★	A	A	★	★	100	NA	NA
Vaillancourt, Steve	Hills	15	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Velez, Hector	Hills	12	A	★	★	★	★	100	50	100
Villeneuve, Maurice	Hills	18	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Wall, Janet	Straf	7	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	80
Wallner, Mary	Merr	12	★	★	★	-	★	80	100★	100★
Walz, Mary	Merr	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Warren, Nancy	Straf	1	★	A	★	★	★	100	NA	NA
Waterhouse, Kevin	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	40
Watson, Robert	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Wear, Everett	Rock	14	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	20
Webb, Leigh	Merr	2	★	★	★	★	-	80	NA	NA
Weber, Lucy	Ches	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Weed, Charles	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Welch, David	Rock	8	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	40
Wells, Roger	Rock	8	A	★	-	★	★	75	40	60
Wendelboe, Fran	Belk	1	-	-	-	★	-	20	0	0
Weyler, Kenneth	Rock	8	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	33
Whalley, Michael	Belk	5	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	0
Wheeler, Deborah	Merr	6	★	★	★	-	★	80	NA	NA
Wickson, Rick	Rock	5	A	-	-	★	-	25	NA	NA
Williams, Burton	Graf	8	-	A	-	★	A	33	40	50
Williams, Robert	Merr	11	★	★	★	-	★	80	100	100★
Winchell, George	Rock	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	100★
Winters, Joel	Hills	17	★	-	-	★	-	40	NA	NA
Wood, Jane	Belk	4	★	★	★	★	A	100	NA	NA
Yeaton, Charles	Merr	8	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	100★

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# Senate

The New Hampshire Senate is made up of one senator for each of 24 districts. You can find your district and senator below, and your senators' votes on the following pages. You can also find your local delegates and their information on the statehouse website, at [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us).

## District 1: John Gallus

Albany, Bartlett, Berlin, Bethlehem, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol, Franconia, Gorham, Hart's Location, Jackson, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Milan, Millsfield, Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown, Stratford, Sugar Hill, Waterville Valley, Whitefield

## District 2: Deborah Reynolds

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Center Harbor, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Groton, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lyme, Meredith, Monroe, New Hampton, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sanbornton, Thornton, Warren, Wentworth, Woodstock

## District 3: Joseph Kenney

Brookfield, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Farmington, Freedom, Madison, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfboro

## District 4: Kathleen Sgambati

Alton, Barnstead, Belmont, Gilford, Gilmanton, Laconia, New Durham, Strafford, Tilton

## District 5: Peter Burling

Andover, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Enfield, Franklin, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Hill, Lebanon, Plainfield, Springfield, Wilmot

## District 6: Jacalyn Cilley

Barrington, Madbury, Nottingham, Rochester, Somersworth

## District 7: Harold Janeway

Antrim, Bennington, Boscawen, Bradford, Canterbury, Deering, Frankestown, Hancock, Harrisville, Henniker, Hillsborough, Loudon, Nelson, Newton, Salisbury, Warner, Weare, Webster, Windsor

## District 8: Bob Odell

Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Claremont, Gilsum, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Marlow, Newbury, New London, Roxbury, Stoddard, Sullivan, Sunapee, Sutton, Unity, Walpole, Washington, Westmoreland

## District 9: Sheila Roberge

Bedford, Greenfield, Lyndeborough, Merrimack, Mont Vernon, New Boston

## District 10: Molly Kelly

Chesterfield, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Hinsdale, Keene, Marlborough, Richmond, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, Winchester

## District 11: Peter Bragdon

Amherst, Greenville, Jaffrey, Milford, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Rindge, Sharon, Temple, Wilton

## District 12: David Gottesman

Brookline, Hollis, Mason, Nashua (Wards 1-2, 5, 9)

## District 13: Joseph Foster

Nashua (Wards 3-4, 6-8)

## District 14: Robert Clegg

Auburn, Hudson, Londonderry

## District 15: Sylvia Larsen

Concord, Hopkinton, Pembroke

## District 16: Theodore Gatsas

Bow, Candia, Dunbarton, Hooksett, Manchester (Wards 1-2, 16)

## District 17: John Barnes

Allenstown, Brentwood, Chester, Chichester, Danville, Deerfield, Epsom, Fremont, Northwood, Pittsfield, Raymond, Sandown

## District 18: Betsi DeVries

Litchfield, Manchester (Wards 5-9)

## District 19: Robert Letourneau

Derry, Hampstead, Windham

## District 20: Lou D'Allesandro

Goffstown, Manchester (Wards 3-4, 10-11)

## District 21: Iris Estabrook

Dover, Durham, Epping, Lee, Rollinsford

## District 22: Michael Downing

Atkinson, Pelham, Plaistow, Salem

## District 23: Margaret Hassan

East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Kingston, Newfields, Newmarket, Seabrook, South Hampton, Stratham

## District 24: Martha Fuller Clark

Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, New Castle, Newington, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye



# Selected Votes in the New Hampshire Senate

## Senate Bill 226 - FAMILY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

*Sponsors: Senators Iris Estabrook, District 21; Kathleen Sgambati, District 4; Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Molly Kelly, District 10; and Representatives Thomas Donovan (Claremont), Elizabeth Hager (Concord), Cindy Rosenwald (Nashua), Sharon Nordgren (Hanover), Mary Jane Wallner (Concord)*

New Hampshire law on family assistance sets two long-term goals: to enable families to achieve financial self-sufficiency and to raise children out of poverty. In 2006, the state made sweeping changes to the TANF program which shifted the focus away from outcomes, and restricted the state's ability to implement programs which move families into long-term self-sufficiency. SB 226 maximized state flexibility to meet federal requirements, and required outcome measures to keep the focus where it belongs: on moving families out of poverty and into meaningful work. The Senate supported SB 226 by a vote of 14-10, and it was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee report of Ought to Pass.

## Senate Bill 193 - FLEXIBLE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

*Sponsors: Senators David Gottesman, District 12; Deborah Reynolds, District 2; Lou D'Allesandro, District 20; Sheila Roberge, District 9; Robert Letourneau, District 19; and Representatives Mary Beth Walz (Bow), Carolyn Gargas (Hollis), Julie Brown (Rochester)*

Child support must be grounded in what is in the best interests of the child, and family financial health is a critical part of that goal. SB 193 outlined guidelines for flexible child support (particularly in families with especially high or low incomes), in order to maximize family resources following a divorce. After years of legislative acrimony, the Senate united behind this landmark bill with a unanimous vote. The House supported the bill as well, and it was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee report of Ought to Pass.

## Senate Bill 176 - LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

*Prime Sponsor: Senator Betsi DeVries, District 18.*

The remains of lead-based paint make many New Hampshire homes a dangerous place for children, and for many years, state standards for what constituted poisoning were well below national standards. SB 176 sought to prevent childhood lead poisoning by lowering acceptable blood levels to national standards, strengthening preventative measures, and establishing a commission to study the issue. SB 176 passed the Senate with a 16-8 vote. After passing in the House, the bill was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee report of Ought to Pass as Amended.

## House Bill 514 - MINIMUM WAGE

*Sponsors: Representatives Marjorie Smith (Durham), Edward Butler (Keene), Randolph Holden (Goffstown); and Senators Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Peter Burling, District 5; Margaret Hassan, District 23; David Gottesman, District 12*

Fair wages contribute to strong, self-sufficient families and communities, but changes to the economy mean that many families work full-time in jobs that don't allow them to move out of poverty. HB 514 raised New Hampshire's minimum wage in an effort to help hard-working families make ends meet, after 10 years of a stagnant state minimum. The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 19-5, and it was signed into law by the Governor.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee report of Ought to Pass.

## Senate Bill 18 - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND GRADUATION

*Sponsors: Senators Iris Estabrook, District 21; David Gottesman, District 12; John Gallus, District 1; Bob Odell, District 8; Joseph Foster, District 13; Molly Kelly, District 10; Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Margaret Hassan, District 23; Lou D'Allesandro, District 20; Sylvia Larsen, District 15; and Representatives Emma Rous (Durham), J. Timothy Dunn (Keene), William Remick (Lancaster)*

All students deserve the opportunity to graduate from high school, and a high school diploma is increasingly critical to success in the workforce and modern world. SB 18 was a comprehensive solution to this compelling problem: it raised the drop-out age from 16 to 18, while addressing the needs of at-risk students, and supported alternative and non-traditional education programming. The Senate supported SB 18 by a vote of 17-7, and the Governor signed the bill into law.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee report of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Senator	District	SB 226	SB 193	SB 514	SB 18	SB 176	2007 Score	2006 Score	2005 Score
Bragdon, Peter	11	-	★	-	-	-	20	40	0
Burling, Peter	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Cilley, Jacalyn	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Clegg, Robert	14	-	★	-	-	-	20	20	20
D'Allesandro, Lou	20	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	80
DeVries, Betsi	18	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Downing, Michael	22	-	★	★	-	-	40	NA	NA
Estabrook, Iris	21	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Foster, Joseph	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Fuller Clark, Martha	24	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Gallus, John	1	-	★	-	★	-	40	40	40
Gatsas, Theodore	16	-	★	-	-	-	20	20	40

### Legend

★ - Vote for children

- - Vote against children

★ (in Score column) - Honor Roll

A - Absent

C - Conflict of interest (no vote)

Senator	District	SB 226	SB 193	SB 514	SB 18	SB 176	2007 Score	2006 Score	2005 Score
Gottesman, David	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Hassan, Margaret	23	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Janeway, Harold	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kelly, Molly	10	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Kenney, Joseph	3	-	★	★	★	-	60	20	40
Larsen, Sylvia	15	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Letourneau, Robert	19	-	★	-	-	-	20	40	20
Odell, Bob	8	-	★	★	★	★	80	80	40
Reynolds, Deborah	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Roberge, Sheila	9	-	★	★	-	-	40	40	20
Sgambati, Kathleen	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA

H - Score earned while in House of Representatives  
NA - Not applicable

P - Presiding (did not vote)

# About the Legislative Report Card

## Purpose:

Since 2000, the Children's Alliance of New Hampshire has compiled the annual legislative report card, a report on the session's top children and family bills. The bills selected address issues ranging from education, to child health, to family strength. We note that several important bills could not be included in this report because they were decided by voice vote and no record exists of how individual legislators voted. This document is not intended to represent an endorsement, or lack thereof, by the Children's Alliance, or to be a personal evaluation of legislators. Instead, it is a tool to inform you about policies affecting the wellbeing of New Hampshire children and families, and how your legislators' actions shape those policies.

## Method:

For the top five roll call votes in each chamber, we include a description which addresses the stated purpose of the bill, its likely impact on children, the vote count and the current status. Legislators do not vote on the actual bill: they vote on the recommendation of a committee. For example, if the motion was to find a child-friendly bill "Inexpedient to Legislate" (meaning a committee has recommended that it not pass), then a "No" vote was a vote for children.

For each bill, a vote for children is marked by a '★', and one against children is represented by a '-'. Absent or abstaining legislators are marked with an 'A', a 'C' denotes a declared conflict of interest, and a 'P' represents the member presiding over the debate, usually the House Speaker or Senate President. An 'NA' indicates that the legislator was not yet or no longer a member at the time of the vote. This report card includes all legislators from every NH district with representation at the time of the vote.

The votes listed were taken directly from the state's official Web site ([www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us)). While we believe our account to be accurate, it is only as accurate as the vote tallies recorded by the House and Senate and posted on the state Web site.

## Results:

The score for each year represents the legislator's percentage of favorable votes for children. The percentage is based on the number of votes cast: missed votes do not count against a legislator's final score. For example, if a legislator casts four votes (out of five), and three of those are in support of child-friendly legislation, the total score will be a 75.

Children need every vote they can get. New Hampshire children need their legislators to be there for them, and this means being present for key votes. To mark the importance of this, the report card includes an honor roll (marked by a star after the "100" score) that recognizes legislators who were present for all listed votes, and who voted for children each time. The one exception is for legislators who didn't vote on a bill because they declared a conflict of interest.

Roll call votes are the only available objective measure to evaluate a legislator's performance. The information does not represent a full accounting of any legislator's work or record on issues related to children, such as voice votes, the quality of children- and family-related bills filed in a given year, and committee work done out of the public eye.

## What's next?

This report card can only capture past roll call votes, and cannot impact legislators' future actions. Only you can do that. We encourage you to communicate frequently with your legislators about their votes and to share your expectations with them. Please let them know how vital it is that they attend key votes and vote in favor of children. It is also important to urge legislators to request recorded votes on our issues - when doing so would not endanger child-friendly legislation or promote negative bills. Finally, legislators don't cast the only votes that affect children: please raise your voice for children by casting your vote.



# The State Budget and Public Policy

Responsible government promotes opportunity for all citizens, and a responsible state budget reflects investments in those opportunities. The state budget provides the basic infrastructure that supports the opportunities children need to grow and thrive- especially our most vulnerable children. The state budget is one of the most critically important- yet lowest-profile- ways our legislators can support New Hampshire children and families.

The latest budget, for fiscal years 2008-09, makes strides toward the goal of supporting children and families. Some of the ways in which this budget reflects real community investment include:

- Providing support for vulnerable and at-risk students by increasing state support for Head Start, the first increase since 2000
- Enabling more parents to afford quality, licensed child care by budgeting to continue the Quality Early Learning Initiative
- Helping vulnerable families on state assistance (TANF- or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) to meet their out-of-pocket child care expenses while they work or seek training or education
- Recognizing that the cost of providing child care is outstripping current state reimbursement rates, by increasing the reimbursement rate to child care providers by 5% per year
- Modest rate increases for others providing critical services for children and families, including increases for oral health providers who serve low-income families
- Funding to cover 10,000 additional children (over three years) through NH Healthy Kids
- The Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Treatment & Prevention was recognized as a critical investment, and will receive additional aid
- Support to implement changes to New Hampshire's lead poisoning prevention laws, which align with national standards for the first time, and seek to protect children from the harmful long-term effects of this poison
- Recognizing that family resource centers provide important preventive and supportive services for families throughout the state, and providing programming resources for each of 12 centers
- Support for the opportunity to graduate from high school, with funds to implement the increased minimum school attendance age (from 16 to 18), and support for alternative and non-traditional educational programming

The state budget is the blueprint for our public structures, and how we spend our money defines where our values lay. This year, our legislature demonstrated how much they value New Hampshire children and families by supporting a family-friendly budget, and the essential structures which provide our children the opportunity to build a better tomorrow.

You can find out how your legislator voted on the budget at the statehouse website, online at [www.gen-court.state.nh.us](http://www.gen-court.state.nh.us).



# Have you checked out the Children's Alliance Web site?

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

*If not, you're missing:*

- ✓ Regular updates on children's issues in New Hampshire
- ✓ Web-based tools to connect you to your elected officials
- ✓ Advocacy tools and strategies
- ✓ Links to national and state reports on the issues you care about
- ✓ A great tool for children's advocates!



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