

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

How do your elected officials measure up?



Children's Alliance of New Hampshire

2006 LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD



**Raise your Voice
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Children cannot vote. Children do not have a direct voice in the legislature. And yet, the health and well being of our children is essential for the health of our state.

So just who votes for our children? This Legislative Report Card helps answer that question by reporting how legislators voted on selected children’s issues. As a nonpartisan organization, the Children’s Alliance does not endorse any candidate for office. We do, however, believe in holding ALL elected officials accountable for their votes.

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, media campaigns and advocacy, we act as a strong and independent voice for children, addressing issues as diverse, and critical, as quality education, children’s health, family economic success, and child protection. 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 encourage you to communicate regularly with your legislators, ask them to support child and family friendly legislation, and ask them questions about their votes.

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House of Representatives

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Selected Votes in the New Hampshire House of Representatives

House Bill 627 - RESTORING 17-YEAR-OLDS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Sponsors: Representatives David Bickford (New Durham); Barbara Richardson (Richmond); Julie Brown (Rochester); Mary Gile (Concord); Sandra Keans (Rochester)

Allowing juvenile courts to maintain jurisdiction over 17-year-olds makes sense for children, families, and public safety. Mixing young offenders with adults teaches the children to be better criminals, not productive adults. When young offenders are retained in the juvenile system, they are better monitored and less likely to re-offend. The House passed HB 627 by a vote of 258-107. It was also passed by the Senate, and signed into law by the Governor.

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

House Bill 1331 - FAMILY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Janeen Dalrymple (Salem)

New Hampshire law on family public assistance sets two long-term goals: to enable families to achieve financial self-sufficiency and to raise children out of poverty. In enacting HB 1331, the legislature has made these goals harder to meet by focusing on federal participation rates instead of family outcomes, restricting job readiness and post-secondary training, and increasing financial penalties for non-compliance. The House passed the bill's conference committee version by a vote of 182-121. The Governor allowed the bill to become law without his signature, and issued an executive order to assure access to support services, and to establish an Advisory Council to monitor the bill's implementation.

A vote for children was a NO to adopt the Committee of Conference Report.

House Bill 1580 - CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA

Prime Sponsor: Representative David Bickford (New Durham)

New Hampshire law requires that custody proceedings focus on the best interests of the child. By connecting parenting time and child support, HB 1580 created a financial incentive to seek increased parenting time, without incorporating successful methods used in other states. Based on the fiscal note, HB 1580 would have reduced child support for already vulnerable families, likely increased the number of children living in poverty and the public assistance needed to support them, and reduced the amount of general fund offset for the TANF program. The House voted in favor of these changes, 186-146. The bill was later defeated in the Senate.

A vote for children was a NO to the committee recommendation of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

Senate Bill 131 - SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Prime Sponsor: Senator Carl Johnson, District 2

When the Senate approved school vouchers in SB 131, it supported legislation that would divert taxpayer dollars away from local schools. Under the title "21st Century Scholars," SB 131 would have given certain students vouchers for public or nonpublic schools, despite the proposal's uncertain constitutionality. Public education should be strengthened and renewed; this diversion of public funds would have undermined quality public schools. The House defeated SB 131, 172-136.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Senate Bill 306 - EARLY LEARNING

Sponsors: Senators Iris Estabrook, District 21; Richard Green, District 6; Senator Bob Odell, District 8; Senator Joseph Foster, District 13; Senator John Gallus, District 1; Senator Margaret Hassan, District 23; Senator Andre Martel, District 18; Senator Martha Fuller Clark, District 24; Representatives James Pilliod (Belmont), Carolyn Gargas (Hollis), Mary Gile (Concord), Mary Jane Wallner (Concord)

Quality early care and education programs support the well being of both children and working families in New Hampshire. SB 306 sought to establish a one-year early learning initiative, and to establish funds for enhanced childcare reimbursement. The initiative passed the House, 192-143, and although it was defeated by the Senate, its provisions were incorporated into HB 1626 and signed into law.

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



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Abbott, Dennis	Rock	12	★	★	★	A	A	100	80	100
Aboshar, Jeffrey	Hills	13	A	A	-	A	A	0	75	NA
Adams, Jarvis	Hills	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Aguiar, James	Graf	6	★	★	A	★	★	100	NA	NA
Ahlgren, Christopher	Carr	4	★	A	-	-	-	25	40	NA
Albert, Russell	Straf	1	★	A	A	A	A	100	0	0
Allan, Nelson	Hills	26	★	-	A	A	A	50	50	60
Allen, Janet	Belk	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	25
Allen, Mary	Rock	11	★	★	-	★	-	60	25	20
Allen, Peter	Ches	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Almy, Susan	Graf	11	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Andersen, Gene	Graf	11	★	★	A	A	A	100	100★	NA
Anderson, Eric	Merr	13	★	-	-	-	★	40	40	40
Asselin, Michael	Rock	7	★	-	A	-	-	25	50	NA
Babson, David	Carr	3	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0
Balboni, Michael	Hills	21	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	25
Baroody, Benjamin	Hills	13	★	★	-	★	★	80	80	100
Barry, J Gail	Hills	16	-	A	A	-	-	0	20	0
Batula, Peter	Hills	19	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	60
Beaulieu, Jane	Hills	17	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Belanger, Ronald	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	20
Benn, Bernard	Graf	9	★	★	-	★	★	80	80	100★
Bergeron, Jean-Guy	Hills	27	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Bergin, Peter	Hills	6	★	A	★	A	A	100	80	100
Berube, Roger	Straf	2	★	★	A	★	★	100	80	75
Bettencourt, David	Rock	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Bickford, David	Straf	3	★	-	-	-	★	40	25	40
Bishop, Franklin	Rock	2	-	★	-	-	-	20	50	100
Biundo, Michael	Hills	15	★	-	-	A	A	33	0	NA
Blanchard, Elizabeth	Merr	10	A	★	★	★	★	100	100★	100
Blanchard, MaryAnn	Rock	16	A	A	A	A	A	A	100★	100★
Bleyler, Ruth	Graf	9	-	★	★	★	★	80	100★	100★
Boehm, Ralph	Hills	27	-	A	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Bouchard, Candace	Merr	11	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100
Boyce, Laurie	Belk	5	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	25
Brassard, Paul	Hills	17	-	-	-	-	★	20	80	80
Bridle, Russell	Rock	15	A	A	-	A	★	50	75	0
Brown, C. Pennington	Rock	9	NA	★	★	★	★	100		
Brown, Carolyn	Carr	1	★	-	★	-	-	40	25	40
Brown, Jennifer	Straf	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Brown, Julie	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Brown, Lawrence	Straf	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Brueggemann, Donald	Merr	12	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	100★
Brundige, Robert	Hills	19	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	20
Buco, Thomas	Carr	1	★	-	★	★	★	80	100	NA
Buhlman, David	Hills	27	-	-	-	A	-	0	0	0
Butcher, Suzanne	Ches	3	A	★	★	★	★	80	100★	NA
Butynski, William	Ches	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Buxton, Donald	Rock	10	★	-	-	★	★	60	60	NA
Buzzell, Bernard	Coos	4	★	★	-	★	★	80	80	NA
Cady, Harriet	Rock	1	A	-	-	-	-	0	20	25
Calawa, Leon	Hills	27	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	NA
Cali-Pitts, Jacqueline	Rock	16	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Callaghan, Frank	Straf	1	-	A	A	A	A	0	80	67
Camm, Kevin	Rock	8	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Campbell, David	Hills	24	★	A	A	★	A	100	80	NA
Campbell, W Packy	Straf	3	A	A	A	-	A	0	0	67
Carew, James	Hills	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
Carlson, Donald	Hills	3	A	A	A	★	-	50	40	100
Carson, Sharon	Rock	3	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	40
Carter, Mark	Hills	3	★	A	-	-	★	66	20	20
Casey, Kimberley	Rock	11	★	A	★	A	★	100	100★	100
Cataldo, Sam	Straf	3	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Chabot, Robert	Hills	17	A	A	A	A	A	A	50	50
Chandler, Gene	Carr	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0
Chaplin, Duncan	Straf	3	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
Charron, Gene	Rock	7	★	-	-	A	A	33	20	NA

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Chase, Claudia	Hills	2	★	★	-	★	★	80	100★	NA
Chase, William	Ches	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Christensen, D L Chris	Hills	19	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	60
Christiansen, Lars	Hills	27	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	20
Cilley, Jacalyn	Straf	3	★	A	★	★	★	100	80	NA
Clark, Charles	Belk	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	20
Clark, Mark	Hills	18	★	-	-	A	A	33	0	NA
Clarke, Claire	Merr	6	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	100
Clemons, Jane	Hills	24	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Cloutier, John	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Coates, Christopher	Ches	3	★	★	-	A	A	66	NA	NA
Coburn, James	Rock	4	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	NA
Converse, Larry	Sull	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Cooney, Mary	Graf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Cooney, Richard	Rock	4	-	★	★	A	A	66	80	75
Cote, David	Hills	23	★	★	★	★	★	100★	67	100★
Cote, Peter	Hills	25	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	100★
Coughlin, Pamela	Hills	4	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	25
Craig, James	Hills	9	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100
Crane, Elenore Casey	Hills	21	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	33
Creteau, Irene	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Currier, David	Merr	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	50
Dalrymple, Janeen	Rock	4	-	-	-	A	★	25	0	33
Danforth, James	Merr	6	★	-	-	-	-	20	60	NA
Daniuk, Caitlin	Hills	11	★	A	★	A	A	100	100★	NA
DeJoie, John	Merr	11	A	★	★	★	★	100	100	100★
Desmarais, Vivian	Hills	14	-	-	★	★	★	60	60	50
DeStefano, Stephen	Merr	13	★	★	-	★	★	80	80	100
DeVries, Betsi	Hills	15	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Dexter, Judson	Ches	6	★	-	A	★	-	50	50	33
Dickinson, Howard	Carr	1	★	-	★	-	-	40	40	60
DiFruscia, Anthony	Rock	4	★	-	-	★	★	60	60	60
Dokmo, Cynthia	Hills	6	★	-	A	★	★	75	60	100
Domingo, Baldwin	Straf	5	★	A	A	★	★	100	80	NA
Donahue, Richard Ken	Rock	7	A	A	-	A	-	0	20	NA
Donovan, Thomas	Sull	4	★	★	★	-	★	80	80	80
Dorsett, Andrew	Graf	8	A	A	A	A	★	100	A	0
Dowd, John	Rock	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	25	25
Dowling, Patricia	Rock	5	★	A	★	-	-	50	60	NA
Doyle, Christopher	Rock	4	★	A	-	A	A	50	50	0
Drisko, Richard	Hills	5	★	-	★	★	★	80	40	100
Dumaine, Dudley	Rock	3	-	-	-	-	A	0	0	40
Dunlap, Patricia	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	80
Dunn, J Timothy	Ches	3	★	★	A	★	★	100	80	100★
Dyer, Donald	Hills	26	★	-	A	-	-	25	25	NA
Easson, Timothy	Straf	3	-	-	-	-	A	0	0	0
Eaton, Daniel	Ches	2	★	★	A	★	★	100	80	100★
Eaton, Stephanie	Graf	1	★	-	★	A	A	66	20	20
Egbers, Fran	Hills	10	★	A	A	★	★	100	100	NA
Elliott, Nancy	Hills	19	-	-	★	A	A	33	0	NA
Emerson, Susan	Ches	7	-	-	-	-	-	0	60	NA
Emerton, Larry	Hills	7	★	-	★	★	★	80	20	40
Espiefs, Peter	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Essex, David	Hills	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Ferland, Brenda	Sull	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Fesh, Bob	Rock	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	40
Field, William	Merr	7	-	A	-	-	-	0	20	40
Fitzgerald, James	Belk	4	★	-	-	-	★	40	33	50
Flanders, Donald	Belk	4	★	-	-	-	★	40	50	40
Flanders, John	Rock	8	★	-	-	-	★	40	60	40
Flockhart, Eileen	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Foose, Robert	Merr	1	★	★	A	★	★	100	67	NA
Foot, Sheila	Ches	6	-	★	-	★	★	60	40	NA
Forsing, Robert	Rock	2	★	-	-	A	-	25	20	NA
Foster, Linda	Hills	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Francoeur, Bea	Hills	26	-	A	★	-	-	25	0	NA
Francoeur, Sheila	Rock	15	★	-	★	★	-	60	40	40

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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Franklin, Peter	Sull	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
French, Barbara	Merr	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Gale, Harry	Sull	3	★	-	-	★	★	60	60	NA
Gargas, Carolyn	Hills	5	★	★	★	-	★	80	50	80
Garrity, James	Rock	6	-	-	-	-	-	0	80	NA
Garrity, Patrick	Hills	14	★	A	-	A	A	50	100★	NA
Gibson, John	Hills	19	-	-	★	A	A	33	20	20
Gilbert, Karl	Rock	12	-	-	-	A	A	0	40	20
Gile, Mary	Merr	10	★	A	★	★	★	100	100★	100★
Gillick, Thomas	Rock	15	A	-	A	-	★	33	40	40
Ginsburg, Ruth	Hills	20	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Gionet, Edmond	Graf	3	★	★	-	-	-	20	60	50
Giuda, Robert	Graf	5	-	A	-	A	A	0	0	0
Golding, William	Hills	9	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	NA
Goley, Jeffrey	Hills	8	-	★	-	★	★	60	60	NA
Gonzalez, Carlos	Hills	17	-	A	A	A	-	0	67	50
Goodwin, Earle	Straf	6	A	A	A	-	★	50	80	NA
Gorman, Mary	Hills	23	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	100★
Gould, Kenneth	Rock	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	100★
Goyette, Peter	Hills	27	-	-	★	-	-	20	0	50
Graham, John	Hills	18	★	-	-	★	-	40	60	60
Grassie, Anne	Straf	1	★	★	A	A	★	100	67	100★
Greco, Vincent	Merr	7	-	-	★	A	A	33	80	NA
Griffin, Mary	Rock	4	-	-	-	-	★	20	40	40
Hagan, Barbara	Hills	17	★	-	-	-	A	25	0	0
Hager, Elizabeth	Merr	12	★	A	A	A	★	100	75	100
Haley, Robert	Hills	14	★	★	A	-	★	80	80	75
Hall, Betty	Hills	5	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	NA
Ham, Bonnie	Graf	4	A	A	A	A	A	A	67	100
Hamm, Christine	Merr	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Hammond, Lee	Graf	11	★	★	-	★	★	80	100★	100★
Hansen, Ryan	Hills	6	-	A	A	-	-	0	0	0
Harding, A Laurie	Graf	11	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Harvey, Suzanne	Hills	21	★	★	★	★	★	100	100★	NA
Hawkins, Ken	Hills	18	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	20
Headd, James	Rock	3	-	-	A	A	-	0	0	25
Heald, Bruce	Belk	3	★	A	-	A	-	33	20	NA
Hebert, Raymond	Hills	17	-	A	A	A	A	0	20	NA
Hellwig, Steve	Hills	27	-	A	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Heon, Richard	Straf	2	A	★	-	A	★	66	60	100
Hess, David	Merr	9	★	-	★	A	A	66	33	40
Hilliard, Dana	Straf	2	★	A	★	A	A	100	100	NA
Hinkle, Peyton	Hills	19	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0
Hirschmann, Keith	Hills	17	-	A	A	A	A	0	0	NA
Hofemann, Roland	Straf	6	-	★	★	★	★	80	80	80
Hogancamp, Deborah	Ches	4	★	-	-	A	A	33	40	NA
Holden, Randolph	Hills	7	-	-	★	★	-	40	25	67
Hollinger, Jeffrey	Straf	5	-	A	-	-	-	0	0	0
Hopfgarten, Paul	Rock	5	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Houde-Quimby, Char.	Sull	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Hughes, Daniel	Rock	18	★	-	-	★	-	40	60	60
Hunt, John	Ches	7	★	-	A	-	-	25	50	40
Hunter, Bruce	Hills	7	★	A	A	A	A	100	20	50
Hutchinson, Karen	Rock	3	★	A	★	A	A	100	50	100
Infantine, William	Hills	13	A	-	-	A	-	0	20	40
Ingbretson, Paul	Graf	5	-	-	-	-	A	0	20	20
Ingram, Russell	Rock	4	-	-	-	★	A	40	60	60
Introne, Robert	Rock	3	★	-	A	A	A	50	0	33
Irish, Christopher	Sull	4	-	A	A	★	-	33	0	NA
Irwin, Anne-Marie	Hills	3	★	-	A	★	★	75	100★	100★
Itse, Daniel	Rock	9	★	-	-	-	-	25	0	0
Jasper, Shawn	Hills	27	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	20
Jean, Claudette	Hills	25	★	A	★	★	★	100	100★	80
Jeudy, Jean	Hills	10	-	★	-	★	★	60	NA	NA
Jillette, Arthur	Sull	2	★	★	-	★	★	80	67	NA
Johnson, Nancy	Straf	3	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	100★
Johnson, Paula	Hills	26	★	A	★	★	★	100	67	NA

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Johnson, Robert	Rock	1	★	-	-	★	★	60	60	80
Johnson, Rogers	Rock	13	-	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	25	40
Kaen, Naida	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Katsakiores, George	Rock	5	★	-	-	-	★	40	40	25
Katsakiores, Phyllis	Rock	5	★	-	-	-	★	40	40	25
Keans, Sandra	Straf	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Kelly, Eugene	Hills	20	-	A	A	A	A	0	0	NA
Kennedy, Richard	Merr	4	-	-	-	★	-	20	33	0
Kidder, David	Merr	1	★	-	-	★	-	40	20	NA
King, Frederick	Coos	1	★	-	A	A	★	66	40	60
Klose, John	Merr	8	-	-	A	-	-	0	20	NA
Knowles, William	Straf	6	-	A	★	★	★	75	100★	100★
Knox, J David	Carr	4	★	-	★	★	★	80	60	NA
Kobel, Rudolph	Rock	1	★	-	-	A	A	33	20	40
Kopka, Angeline	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Kurk, Neal	Hills	7	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	40
L'Heureux, Robert	Hills	19	-	-	-	-	★	20	20	0
L'Heureux, Stephen	Merr	9	★	A	-	A	★	66	33	25
Langlais, Thomas	Merr	8	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Langley, Jane	Rock	18	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	60
Lary, Bruce	Coos	3	-	A	A	★	-	33	80	NA
Lasky, Bette	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Lawrence, James	Hills	27	★	-	-	-	-	25	0	67
Lefebvre, Roland	Hills	24	★	★	★	A	A	100	100	100
Lessard, Rudy	Hills	27	-	A	-	A	A	0	0	100
Lockwood, Priscilla	Merr	6	★	-	★	★	★	80	60	80
Lund, Howie	Rock	5	-	A	-	-	-	0	0	NA
MacKay, James	Merr	11	★	A	★	★	★	100	50	80
Major, Norman	Rock	8	★	-	-	-	★	40	40	50
Manney, Pamela	Hills	7	★	A	-	-	-	25	40	NA
Manning, John	Rock	4	★	A	A	A	A	100	25	25
Marple, Richard	Merr	9	-	-	-	★	-	20	20	0
Martin, James	Carr	5	★	-	★	-	-	40	40	NA
Martin, Mary Ellen	Hills	26	A	★	★	-	★	75	75	100
Mason, April	Rock	13	★	-	A	-	★	50	80	NA
Matarazzo, Anthony	Hills	20	★	★	-	★	★	80	100★	NA
Maxfield, Roy	Merr	6	★	A	-	A	★	66	20	40
Maybeck, Margie	Graf	8	-	-	A	-	-	0	0	20
McConkey, Mark	Carr	3	-	A	-	-	-	0	20	20
McKinney, Betsy	Rock	3	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	40
McLeod, Martha	Graf	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
McMahon, Charles	Rock	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	20
McMahon, Patricia	Merr	3	★	★	★	A	★	100	80	NA
McRae, Karen	Hills	7	★	-	A	-	-	25	20	25
Mead, Robert	Hills	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Mears, Edgar	Coos	4	★	A	-	A	★	66	60	100★
Merrick, Scott	Coos	2	-	A	★	★	★	75	100★	NA
Merrow, Harry	Carr	3	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	60
Messier, Irene	Hills	17	★	-	A	★	★	75	80	100
Michon, Stephen	Hills	25	★	★	★	A	★	100	100★	100
Miller, Joseph	Straf	7	★	A	-	A	★	66	100★	100★
Millham, Alida	Belk	5	★	-	★	★	★	75	67	NA
Mirski, Paul	Graf	10	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Mitchell, Bonnie	Ches	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Moody, Marcia	Rock	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Mooney, Maureen	Hills	19	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	40
Moore, Benjamin	Rock	14	★	A	A	A	A	100	0	0
Moran, Edward	Hills	18	★	A	A	-	★	66	50	25
Morneau, Renney	Coos	4	A	-	-	A	A	0	60	NA
Morris, Richard	Rock	14	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	50
Morrison, Gail	Belk	2	A	A	★	★	★	100	100★	NA
Movsesian, Lori	Hills	22	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100
Mulholland, Catherine	Graf	10	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	NA
Naro, Debra	Graf	7	★	★	-	A	A	66	80	100
Nedeau, Stephen	Belk	3	-	-	★	★	-	40	40	20
Newton, Clifford	Straf	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	0
Nordgren, Sharon	Graf	9	★	★	★	★	★	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)



Representative	County	District	HB 627-Juvenile Justice	HB 1331-Family Assistance	HB 1580-Child Support	SB 131-School Vouchers	SB 306-Early Education	2006 Score	2005 Score	2004 Score
Norelli, Terie	Rock	16	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Nowe, Ronald	Rock	9	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
O'Brien, William	Hills	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
O'Connell, Timothy	Hills	6	★	-	-	★	-	40	40	NA
O'Neil, Michael	Rock	15	★	-	★	-	★	60	40	50
Ober, Lynne	Hills	27	-	-	★	★	-	40	40	NA
Olimpio, J Lisbeth	Carr	5	★	A	-	★	★	60	60	60
Oliver, James	Merr	9	★	A	A	A	-	50	25	0
Osborne, Jessie	Merr	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Osgood, Philip	Sull	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	NA
Owen, Derek	Merr	4	★	A	★	★	★	100	100	100★
Packard, Sherman	Rock	3	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	50
Palangas, Eric	Hills	12	A	A	-	A	A	0	A	100★
Palazzo, Frank	Rock	14	A	A	-	-	-	0	A	NA
Pantelakos, Laura	Rock	16	★	A	A	A	★	100	80	100
Pappas, Christopher	Hills	8	★	A	★	A	★	100	100★	100★
Parker, Benjamin	Rock	3	A	A	A	★	★	100	20	NA
Parkhurst, Henry	Ches	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Patten, Betsey	Carr	4	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	40
Pelkey, Stephen	Ches	7	★	A	-	A	★	66	50	NA
Pepino, Leo	Hills	11	-	A	-	A	A	0	0	60
Philbrick, Donald	Carr	2	A	-	★	★	★	75	0	75
Phinizy, James	Sull	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	60	100★
Pilliod, James	Belk	5	★	-	-	★	★	66	75	100★
Pilotte, Maurice	Hills	16	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	80
Plifka, Stanley	Ches	4	★	A	★	★	★	100	80	NA
Potter, Frances	Merr	10	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Powers, James	Rock	16	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Pratt, John	Ches	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	75
Price, Pamela	Hills	26	★	-	-	-	-	20	25	40
Prichard, Stephen	Sull	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Priestley, Anne	Rock	4	A	-	★	★	★	75	20	50
Putnam, Ed	Rock	8	A	A	A	A	A	A	20	40
Quandt, Marshall Lee	Rock	13	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
Quandt, Matthew	Rock	13	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	20
Rausch, James	Rock	5	★	-	-	A	A	33	40	60
Rearдон, Tara	Merr	11	★	★	★	A	★	100	100★	100
Reed, Dennis	Merr	2	★	A	A	A	★	100	25	25
Reeves, Sandra	Hills	8	-	-	-	A	A	0	25	40
Remick, William	Coos	2	★	-	★	★	-	60	80	NA
Renzullo, Andrew	Hills	27	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	NA
Richardson, Barbara	Ches	5	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Richardson, Herbert	Coos	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	60	40
Roberts, Kris	Ches	3	★	A	★	A	A	100	80	NA
Robertson, Carl	Rock	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Robertson, Timothy	Ches	3	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Robinson, John	Rock	3	NA	★	★	★	★	100	NA	NA
Rochette, Eric	Hills	23	★	A	-	A	A	50	100	NA
Rodeschin, Beverly	Sull	2	-	-	★	-	-	20	20	40
Rollo, Michael	Straf	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Rolston, James	Rock	17	★	-	-	A	A	33	40	NA
Rosen, Ralph	Belk	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	NA
Rosenwald, Cindy	Hills	22	★	-	★	★	★	80	100	NA
Ross, Lawrence	Hills	3	★	-	-	★	-	40	25	50
Rous, Emma	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Rowe, Robert	Hills	6	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	40
Rush, Deanna	Merr	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	67	100★
Russell, David	Belk	6	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	40
Ryan, Jim	Merr	2	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	NA
Ryder, Donald	Hills	5	★	-	★	★	★	80	0	NA
Sanders, Elisabeth	Rock	7	★	-	-	A	A	33	50	NA
Sawyer, Sheldon	Ches	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
Scamman, Stella	Rock	13	★	-	★	-	★	60	40	100
Scamman, W Douglas	Rock	13	P	P	P	P	P	P	100	NA
Scanlon, Michael	Hills	18	★	A	-	★	A	66	60	40

Representative	County	District	HB 627-Juvenile Justice	HB 1331-Family Assistance	HB 1580-Child Support	SB 131-School Vouchers	SB 306-Early Education	2006 Score	2005 Score	2004 Score
Schmidt, Peter	Straf	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Schulze, Joan	Hills	26	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Serlin, Christopher	Rock	16	★	A	A	A	A	100	100★	NA
Shattuck, Gilman	Hills	1	★	★	★	★	★	100★	NA	NA
Shaw, Barbara	Hills	16	★	★	-	★	★	80	80	100★
Shaw, Kimberly	Hills	26	★	A	★	★	★	100	80	NA
Shurtleff, Stephen	Merr	10	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Slocum, Lee	Hills	6	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Smith, David	Hills	22	★	-	-	★	★	60	80	NA
Smith, Marjorie	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Snyder, Clair	Straf	2	★	A	A	A	A	100	67	100
Sokol, Hilda	Graf	9	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Solomon, Peter	Graf	10	★	-	-	★	★	60	80	100★
Soltani, Tony	Merr	8	A	-	A	A	-	0	40	25
Sorg, Gregory	Graf	3	★	-	-	-	-	20	0	25
Souza, Kathleen	Hills	11	-	★	-	-	-	20	40	50
Spang, Judith	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Splaine, James	Rock	16	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100★
Stepanek, Stephen	Hills	6	★	-	-	-	-	20	20	25
Stevens, Stanley	Carr	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	33	20
Stiles, Nancy	Rock	15	★	-	-	-	★	40	60	NA
Stohl, Eric	Coos	1	-	-	-	★	-	20	40	40
Stone, Joseph	Rock	1	A	-	-	-	★	25	80	40
Sullivan, Francis	Hills	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100	100
Sullivan, Peter	Hills	10	-	★	★	★	★	80	100★	100★
Tahir, Saghir	Hills	9	-	A	-	A	-	0	0	50
Taylor, Katherine	Straf	4	A	A	A	A	★	100	80	100
Taylor, Kathleen	Straf	4	★	★	★	★	★	100★	75	100★
Theberge, Robert	Coos	4	-	-	★	★	★	60	100★	100★
Tholl, John	Coos	2	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	25
Thomas, John	Belk	5	A	-	-	A	A	0	40	40
Tilton, Anna	Ches	6	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Tilton, Franklin	Belk	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	NA
Tilton, Joy	Merr	6	★	A	-	★	★	75	100★	NA
Tobin, William	Belk	2	★	-	-	A	-	25	0	NA
Tupper, Frank	Merr	6	-	★	-	★	★	60	100★	NA
Twombly, James	Straf	1	★	-	A	-	-	25	40	NA
Taylor, Jordan	Hills	27	★	-	-	-	-	20	0	40
Vaillancourt, Steve	Hills	15	★	-	-	★	-	40	40	40
Veazey, John	Belk	4	★	A	-	★	-	50	40	NA
Velez, Hector	Hills	12	★	-	A	A	A	50	100	NA
Villeneuve, Maurice	Hills	18	★	★	-	-	-	40	40	NA
Wall, Janet	Straf	7	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	100★
Wallner, Mary Jane	Merr	12	★	★	★	★	★	100★	100★	100
Walz, Mary Beth	Merr	13	★	★	★	★	★	100★	80	NA
Ward, John	Graf	1	★	A	A	-	-	33	0	NA
Waterhouse, Kevin	Rock	4	-	-	-	-	-	0	40	20
Weare, E Albert	Rock	14	-	-	-	-	-	0	20	40
Weed, Charles	Ches	3	★	A	-	★	★	75	100	100
Welch, David	Rock	8	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	40
Weldy, Norman	Rock	2	★	A	-	-	-	25	40	25
Wells, Roger	Rock	8	★	-	-	★	-	40	60	NA
Wendelboe, Fran	Belk	1	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Weyler, Kenneth	Rock	8	★	-	-	-	-	20	33	20
Whalley, Michael	Belk	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	0	20
Wheeler, James	Hills	6	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
Wheeler, Robert	Hills	7	★	-	-	-	★	40	25	60
Whiting, Herbert	Merr	2	★	-	-	-	-	20	60	NA
Wiley, Robert	Rock	5	-	A	A	A	A	0	20	40
Williams, Burton	Graf	8	★	-	-	★	-	40	50	60
Williams, Robert	Merr	11	★	★	★	A	★	100	100★	NA
Winchell, George	Rock	6	-	-	-	★	-	20	100★	50
Yeaton, Charles	Merr	8	★	★	A	★	★	100	100★	NA
Zolla, William	Rock	5	★	-	-	-	-	20	40	50

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)



Senate

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Selected Votes in the New Hampshire Senate

Constitutional Amendment Concurrent Resolution 43 - CONTENT AND FUNDING OF EDUCATION

Public education lays the foundation for a healthy democracy, a prepared workforce, and a flourishing economy. The state constitution defines public education as one of the interests essential to the preservation of a free government; this last-minute resolution sought to remove public education from these interests, and proposed that the content, extent, and funding of education be defined solely by the legislature. CACR 43 would have demoted public education from a protected right to simply another commodity. The Senate rejected the resolution, 14-10.

A vote for children was a NO to the committee amendment.

House Bill 37 - 'MICHELLE'S LAW'

Sponsors: Representatives William Infantine (Manchester), Benjamin Barody (Manchester), Raymond Hebert (Manchester), Keith Hirschman (Manchester), and Jeffrey Aboshar (Manchester)

HB 37, better known as "Michelle's Law," was a grassroots-led bill which sought to protect seriously ill college students from losing their health insurance if serious illness prevents full-time attendance. The campaign to pass HB 37 was led by college student Michelle Morse and her family after she was diagnosed with cancer in 2005. Sadly, Michelle lost her struggle against cancer in November of 2005, but the children of NH won when the Senate passed "Michelle's Law" with unanimous support. HB 37 was also passed by the House, and was signed into law by the Governor.

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

House Bill 76 - STATE AID TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sponsors: Representatives John Hunt (Ringe), Claire Snyder (Somersworth), and Peter Sullivan (Manchester)

Although the House soundly defeated SB 131, which proposed to establish a school voucher program, much of it was later added to HB 76 in the Senate. This included the diversion of \$250,000 in public funds to nonpublic schools, despite the fact that the state constitution forbids taxpayer dollars from going to religious schools. The Senate passed the amended bill by a vote of 15-8. The House again rejected the voucher program, although support for the bill's primary thrust, a guarantee that directs per-pupil aid to charter schools directly from the state instead of local districts, plus \$400,000 in charter school seed money, remained intact.

A vote for children was a NO to the committee recommendation Ought to Pass as Amended.

House Bill 1331 - FAMILY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE

Prime Sponsor: Representative Janeen Dalrymple

New Hampshire law on family public assistance sets two long-term goals: to enable families to achieve financial self-sufficiency and to raise children out of poverty. In enacting HB 1331, the legislature has made these goals harder to meet by focusing on federal participation rates instead of family outcomes, restricting job readiness and post-secondary training, and increasing financial penalties for non-compliance. The House passed the bill's conference committee version by a vote of 182-121. The Governor allowed the bill to become law without his signature, and issued an executive order to assure access to support services, and to establish an Advisory Council to monitor the bill's implementation.

A vote for children was a NO to the committee recommendation of Ought to Pass with Amendment.

House Bill 1580 - CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA

Prime Sponsor: Representative David Bickford

New Hampshire law requires that custody proceedings focus on the best interests of the child. By connecting parenting time and child support, HB 1580 created a financial incentive to seek increased parenting time, without incorporating successful methods used in other states. Based on the fiscal note, HB 1580 would have reduced child support for already vulnerable families, likely increased the number of children living in poverty and the public assistance needed to support them, and reduced the amount of general fund offset for the TANF program. The House voted in favor of these changes, 186-146. The bill was later defeated in the Senate.

A vote for children was a YES to the committee recommendation of Inexpedient to Legislate.

Senator	District	CACR 43 - Education	HB 37 - Michelle's Law	HB 76 - Charter Schools	HB 1331 - TANF	HB 1580 - Child Support	2006 Score	2005 Score	2004 Score
Barnes, John	17	- ★	- - -				20	40	33
Boyce, Robert	4	- ★	- - -				20	0	0
Bragdon, Peter	11	- ★	- - ★				40	0	NA
Burling, Peter	5	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	100H
Clegg, Robert	14	- ★	- - -				20	20	33
D'Allesandro, Lou	20	★ ★	A A A				100	80	100+
Eaton, Thomas	10	- ★	- - -				20	20	0
Estabrook, Iris	21	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	100★
Flanders, Robert	7	- ★	- - ★				40	20	33
Foster, Joseph	13	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	100★
Fuller Clark, Martha	24	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	NA
Gallus, John	1	- ★	- - ★				40	40	100★

Legend

★ - Vote for children

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

Representative	District	CACR 43 - Education	HB 37 - Michelle's Law	HB 76 - Charter Schools	HB 1331 - TANF	HB 1580 - Child Support	2006 Score	2005 Score	2004 Score
Gatsas, Theodore	16	- ★	- - -				20	40	33
Gottesman, David	12	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	NA
Green, Richard	6	- A	- ★ ★				50	80	33
Hassan, Margaret	23	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	NA
Johnson, Carl	2	- ★	- - -				20	20	33
Kenney, Joseph	3	- ★	- - -				20	40	33
Larsen, Sylvia	15	★ ★ ★ ★ ★					100★	100★	100★
Letourneau, Robert	19	★ ★	- - -				40	20	0H
Martel, Andre'	18	- ★	- - -				20	40	33
Morse, Chuck	22	- ★	- - -				20	20	33
Odell, Bob	8	★ ★ ★	- ★				80	40	67
Roberge, Sheila	9	- ★	- - ★				40	20	33

C - Conflict of interest (no vote)
 H - Score earned while in House of Representatives

NA - Not applicable
 P - Presiding (did not vote)

Methodology

The *2006 Legislative Report Card* evaluates roll call votes on selected bills affecting children. 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.

A description of each bill is included on page 4 (House) and page 9 (Senate). Each description addresses the stated purpose of the bill, its likely impact on children, the vote count and the current status. It is important to read these descriptions to understand why a "Yes" or "No" vote constituted a vote for children. For example, if the motion being voted upon 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, legislators who cast a vote receive either a "★", to represent a vote for children, or a "-", to represent a vote against children. Legislators who did not vote received an "A" for absent or abstained, a "C" for a declared conflict of interest, or, in the cases of the House Speaker or Senate President (or the ranking members who occasionally stand in for them), a "P" for presiding. 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 score for each year represents the legislator's percentage of favorable votes for children. **The higher the score, the more often the legislator voted in favor of children.** The percentage is based on the number of votes cast: missed votes do not count against a legislator's final score. A prior year's score of "NA" means that person was not yet elected to the Legislature.

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

The votes here were taken directly from the state's official Web site (www.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.

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. The lack of recorded votes makes it difficult to hold lawmakers accountable for their actions.

One final note. **The Children's Alliance never endorses nor opposes political candidates, and this report cannot be interpreted as an endorsement or a rejection of any candidate.** The information provided does not represent a full accounting of any legislator's work or record on issues related to children, such as voice votes or committee work done out of the public eye.



Review of 2006 children's legislation

Arrows indicate positive result (up arrow), negative result (down arrow), and mixed results (two-way arrow) on legislation affecting children. An open circle indicates an unresolved bill, which was either tabled or sent to interim study.

Economic Security

- ▲ HB 1461, establishing a task force to study the sufficiency of TANF benefits was signed into law. Under this law, the TANF Study Committee must include a representative appointed by the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Network.
- ▼ HB 1528, establishing a committee to study the adequacy of state consumer protection laws related to predatory lending, was defeated in the House.
- ▼ HB 1708, expanding TANF eligibility for two parent families, was defeated in the House.
- ▲ HB 1746, which sought to restrict TANF eligibility by capping benefits to recipients who had an additional child while receiving benefits, by removing job readiness and training activities from allowable work activities, and by reducing the eligibility period, was defeated in the House.
- SB 331, establishing a limit of 100% on certain small loan interest rates in response to predatory lending practices, was tabled.

Child Safety and Well Being

- ▲▼ HB 529, initially requiring the court to provide detailed reasons if "comparable parenting" (not defined) was not found to be in the best interests of the children, was amended to require support for comparable parental rights and responsibilities whenever appropriate and was signed into law.
- ▲▼ HB 1583, initially requiring court ordered custody modification every three years and to give substantial weight to mature minor children when determining residence, was amended in the Senate to remove the three-year requirement, and signed into law.
- ▲ HB 1585, initially proposing an expedited hearing process (10 days) for non-compliance with approved parenting plan, custody or visitation order was amended in the Senate to establish a hearing time of 30 days for contempt or enforcement of approved parenting plan, and signed into law.
- ▲ HB 1692, increasing penalties for sexual predators, was signed into law.
- HB 1127, clarifying the responsibility of all adults, including religious leaders, to report suspected child abuse and neglect, was referred to interim study.

Education

- ▼ HB 1170, requiring State Education aid to be used solely for public education was defeated in House.
- ▲ HB 1241, originally proposed to ensure every child in the state had access to public kindergarten, was amended in the House to extend kindergarten construction aid and signed into law.
- ▲ HB 1249, appropriating state funding for the existing school breakfast program at three cents per meal reimbursement to schools, was signed into law.
- ▲ HB 1707, establishing a school choice certificate program, was defeated in the House.
- ▼ SB 290, establishing a wellness program in public schools, was defeated in the Senate.

Health and Wellness

- ▼ HB 1177 sought to ban smoking in bars and restaurants, and would have protected NH children from second-hand smoke, was defeated in the Senate.
- ▲ HB 1581, establishing a vertical design driver's license for drivers under age 21, was signed into law.
- SB 338, requiring private insurers to cover services by licensed occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech therapists, and clinical social workers to children from birth to 36 months was tabled.

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