

# 2019 NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD

66th LEGISLATIVE SESSION



  
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*of North Dakota*



## DEAR FRIENDS,

I am pleased to share this report card for the most recent North Dakota state legislative session. Here is a snapshot of how lawmakers voted on key social and moral legislation related to the right to life, education, family, marriage and other issues. Guided by our mission of building a state where God is honored, religious liberty flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished, this report card focuses on seven bills/resolutions (hereafter collectively called bills) in the North Dakota Senate and House of Representatives during the 2019 Legislative Session. All these are included in this report card. A bill is passed by a simple majority in the Senate (24 votes out of 47 senators) and the House (48 votes out of 94 Representatives.) Lawmakers earned percentage grades ranging from 0% to 100%, based on how they voted on the relevant bills coming before their chamber.

This report card is not an endorsement of any candidate or political party. It does not measure any lawmakers' integrity, commitment to their faith, work ethic, or rapport with Family Policy Alliance of North Dakota. It is only a report on how each lawmaker voted. One of the most common questions people ask is, "How did my legislator vote?" This report card should help you answer that question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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## ABOUT THE REPORT CARD

Family Policy Alliance of North Dakota selected votes on key legislation from the North Dakota Senate and North Dakota House of Representatives based on our core belief in promoting, protecting, and strengthening traditional family values. These bills were chosen because they address issues conservative North Dakotans care about, including abortion, marriage and family, education and others. Lawmakers' grades are based on seven bills that came before the North Dakota Senate and House of Representatives. These bills included the session's two pro-life bills: the **Chemical Abortion Reversal Notification** bill and the **Infant Dismemberment Ban** bill.

### HOW WE FIGURED THE GRADES

We established a 100-point grading scale. We arrived at each lawmaker's percentage grade by dividing their number of good votes cast by the number of total bills he/she voted on. Not all lawmakers voted on every bill; the number of absences on these key bills is also noted in the rightmost column and we encourage you to review whether your legislator actually voted on these important bills. If a bill failed to pass the chamber in which it was introduced, no vote was taken in the other chamber and the voting column will be blank for the second chamber (e.g., HB1441, SB2303).

Lawmakers who voted on a bill consistent with pro-life and pro-family values received a green check mark; those who voted against these values on a bill received a red "X". Absences were not counted in the score tallies. Votes were added and each legislator received a total score indicating the percentage of times they voted with pro-life and pro-family values. **The higher the score, the better their ranking.**

## BILL AND RESOLUTION DESCRIPTIONS

### **HB1336**    **Chemical Abortion Reversal Notification**

Required abortion facilities to inform prospective mothers seeking a chemical abortion that the process could potentially be reversed. The bill also required the North Dakota Department of Health to print information about the same which would be required to be distributed to these mothers by the abortion facility. The bill was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives and signed into law by Governor Burgum.

### **HB1546**    **Ban On Dismemberment Abortions**

Banned the procedure known as dismemberment abortion, where a living in-utero unborn child is systematically dismembered and killed. This bill was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives and signed into law by Governor Burgum.

### **HCR3037**    **Resolution Declaring North Dakota's ERA Ratification Expired**

The North Dakota legislature ratified the proposed 1972 Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution in 1975. Since that time, an insufficient number of other states have ratified it to become law and this resolution clarified that the North Dakota ratification was valid only through March 22, 1979 – the original expiration date.

State-based ERAs have been interpreted to allow abortions with few restrictions. Proponents of the resolution maintained that statutory deadlines passed and that North Dakota's ratification is null; opponents of the resolution maintained that North Dakota's original ERA ratification is still valid, despite the expiration date. This resolution passed the House of Representatives but was defeated in the Senate.

### **HB1384**    **Expanded Individual Income Tax Credit For Charitable Educational Contributions**

Allowed greater income tax credits for donations to qualified private colleges and universities in North Dakota. It allowed contributions that were lower than current thresholds to be credited against state income taxes. The bill passed the House of Representatives and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Burgum.

### **SB2303**    **Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Protected Class**

Established new protected classes under the law – adding “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” to existing protections such as race, color, religion, and sex. This bill was defeated in the Senate.

### **HB1441**    **Sexual Orientation Gender Identity Protected Class**

Fundamentally the same as SB2303, but without the inclusion of a transgender class. The bill was defeated in the House of Representatives.

### **HB1052**    **Expansion Of Homeschool Teaching Opportunities**

Allowed homeschooling parents greater freedom in the selection of materials, determination of an educational philosophy, and oversight of the method, manner, and delivery of instruction. This bill passed the House of Representatives and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Burgum.

# LEGISLATOR VOTES

✓ Voted to support family values    ✗ Voted to oppose family values    A Absent for vote

DISTRICT	CHAMBER	LEGISLATOR NAME	PARTY	HB1052	HB1336	HB1384	HB1441	HB 1546	HCR3037	SB2303	SCORE
1	Senate	Brad Bekkedahl	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	80%
	House	David Richter	REP	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		83%
	House	Patrick Hatlestad	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
2	Senate	David Rust	REP	✓	✓	✗		✓		✓	80%
	House	Bert Anderson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Donald Longmuir	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
3	Senate	Oley Larsen	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Bob Paulson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Jeff Hoverson	REP	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓		100%*
4	Senate	Jordan Kannianen	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Clayton Fegley	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		83%
	House	Terry Jones	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
5	Senate	Randy Burckhard	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Jay Fisher	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Scott Louser	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
6	Senate	Shawn Vedaa	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Craig Johnson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Dick Anderson	REP	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✗		75%**
7	Senate	Nicole Poolman	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Jason Dockter	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A		100%*
	House	Rick Becker	REP	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓		67%
8	Senate	Howard C. Anderson Jr.	REP	✓	✓	✗		✗		✓	60%
	House	Jeff Delzer	REP	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		83%
	House	Vernon Laning	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
9	Senate	Richard Marcellais	DEM	✓	✗	✓		✓		✗	60%
	House	Marvin Nelson	DEM	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	A		40%*
	House	Tracy Boe	DEM	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗		50%
10	Senate	Janne Myrdal	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Chuck Damschen	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	David Monson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
11	Senate	Tim Mathern	DEM	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	80%
	House	Gretchen Dobervich	DEM	✓	A	✗	✓	✗	✗		40%*
	House	Ron Guggisberg	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		17%
12	Senate	John Grabinger	DEM	✓	✗	✓		✓		✗	60%
	House	Bernie Satrom	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Jim Grueneich	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
13	Senate	Judy Lee	REP	A	✗	✗		✗		✗	0%*
	House	Austen Schauer	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Kim Koppelman	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
14	Senate	Jerry Klein	REP	✓	A	✓		✓		✓	100%*
	House	Jon Nelson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		83%
	House	Robin Weisz	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
15	Senate	Dave Oehlke	REP	A	✓	✓		✗		✗	50%*
	House	Dennis Johnson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Greg Westlind	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%

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16	Senate	David Clemens	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Andrew Marschall	REP	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%**
	House	Ben Koppelman	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
17	Senate	Ray Holmberg	REP	A	✓	X		✓		X	50%*
	House	Mark Owens	REP	✓	A	✓	✓	A	A		100%***
	House	Mark Sanford	REP	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		100%*
18	Senate	Scott Meyer	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		X	80%
	House	Corey Mock	DEM	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X		67%
	House	Steve Vetter	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
19	Senate	Robert Fors	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Gary Paur	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Wayne Trottier	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
20	Senate	Arne Osland	REP	A	A	✓		✓		✓	100%**
	House	Richard Holman	DEM	✓	X	✓	X	X	X		33%
	House	Aaron McWilliams	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
21	Senate	Kathy Hogan	DEM	✓	X	X		X		X	20%
	House	LaurieBeth Hager	DEM	✓	X	X	X	X	X		17%
	House	Mary Schneider	DEM	✓	X	X	X	X	X		17%
22	Senate	Gary Lee	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Brandy Pyle	REP	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		83%
	House	Michael Howe	REP	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		83%
23	Senate	Joan Heckaman	DEM	✓	X	X		✓		X	40%
	House	Bill Devlin	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Don Vigesaa	REP	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓		83%
24	Senate	Larry Robinson	DEM	✓	✓	✓		✓		X	80%
	House	Daniel Johnston	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Dwight Kiefert	REP	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		100%*
25	Senate	Larry Luick	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Alisa Mitskog	DEM	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X		50%
	House	Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
26	Senate	Jim Dotzenrod	DEM	✓	✓	X		✓		X	60%
	House	Kathy Skroch	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Sebastian Ertelt	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
27	Senate	Kristin Roers	REP	✓	X	✓		✓		X	60%
	House	Ruth Buffalo	DEM	✓	X	X	✓	X	X		33%
	House	Thomas Beadle	REP	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X		50%
28	Senate	Robert Erbele	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Jeffery Magrum	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Michael Don Brandenburg	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A		100%*
29	Senate	Terry Wanzek	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Chet Pollert	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Craig Headland	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
30	Senate	Diane Larson	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Glenn Bosch	REP	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓		83%
	House	Mike Nathe	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
31	Senate	Donald Schaible	REP	✓	✓	X		✓		✓	80%
	House	Jim Schmidt	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Karen Rohr	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%

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32	Senate	Dick Dever	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Lisa Meier	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Pat Heinert	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
33	Senate	Jessica Unruh	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Bill Tveit	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Gary Kreidt	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
34	Senate	Dwight Cook	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Nathan Toman	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Todd Porter	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
35	Senate	Erin Oban	DEM	✓	✗	✗		✓		✗	40%
	House	Bob Martinson	REP	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		67%
	House	Karen Karls	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
36	Senate	Jay Elkin	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Luke Simons	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Mike Schatz	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
37	Senate	Rich Wardner	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Mike Lefor	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Vicky Steiner	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
38	Senate	David Hogue	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Dan Ruby	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Larry Bellew	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
39	Senate	Dale Patten	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%
	House	Denton Zubke	REP	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗		67%
	House	Keith Kempenich	REP	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓		100%**
40	Senate	Karen Krebsbach	REP	✓	✗	✓		✗		✗	40%
	House	Matthew Ruby	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
	House	Randy Schobinger	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
41	Senate	Kyle Davison	REP	✓	✗	✓		✓		✗	60%
	House	Pamela Anderson	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		17%
	House	Michelle Strinden	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
42	Senate	Curt Kreun	REP	✓	✓	✗		✓		✗	60%
	House	Emily O'Brien	REP	A	✓	A	✗	A	A		50%****
	House	Jake Blum resigned, so his voting record is not shown									
43	Senate	JoNell Bakke	DEM	✓	✗	✗		✗		✗	20%
	House	Mary Adams	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		17%
	House	Matt Eidson	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗		17%
44	Senate	Merrill Piepkorn	DEM	✓	✗	✗		✗		✗	20%
	House	Joshua Boschee	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		33%
	House	Karla Rose Hanson	DEM	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		33%
45	Senate	Ronald Sorvaag	REP	✓	✓	✓		✓		✗	80%
	House	Mary Johnson	REP	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		83%
	House	Tom Kading	REP	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%*
46	Senate	Jim Roers	REP	A	✓	✓		✓		✓	100%*
	House	Jim Kasper	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A		100%*
	House	Shannon Roers Jones	REP	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		67%
47	Senate	Michael Dwyer	REP	✓	✓	✓		A		✓	100%*
	House	George Keiser	REP	✓	✗	A	✗	✓	✗		40%*
	House	Lawrence Klemin	REP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		83%

