

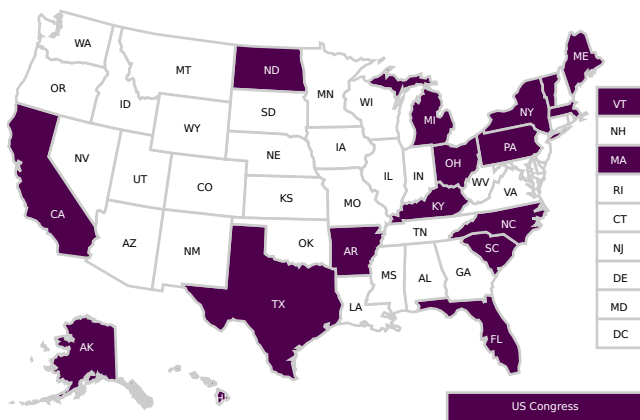
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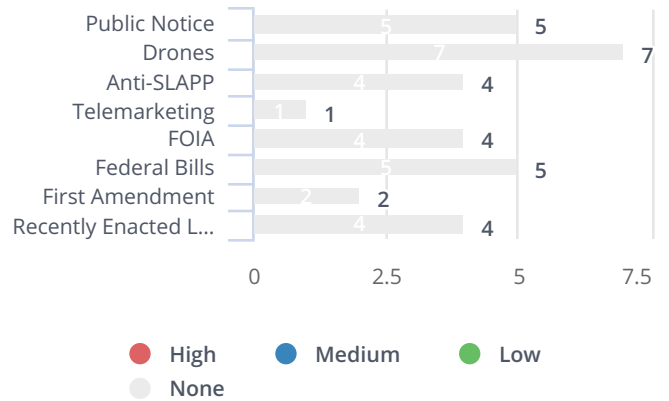
Executive Summary

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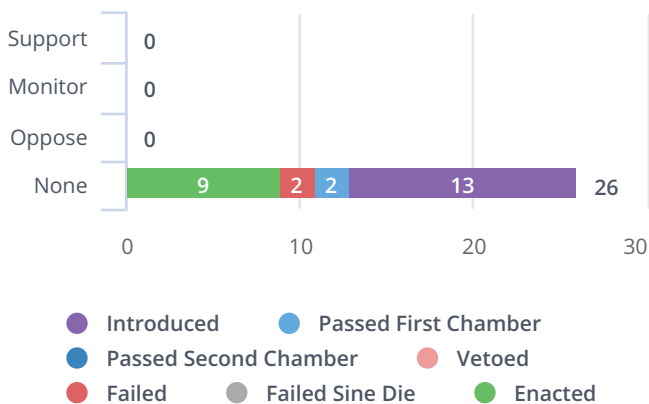
Bills by State



Bills by Watchlist and Priority



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Watchlist

Recently Updated Bills (0)

No bills to show.

Public Notice (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
ME	LD 329 (HP 243)	On Motion By Senator Mason Of Androscoggin Tabled Until Later In Todays Session Pending Consideration 2017 04 13	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-31
An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices

Primary Sponsors
MARTIN of Sinclair

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	S 1237	Died In Assembly 2018 01 03	Failed	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-06
Authorizes state agencies to publish certain rule making notices by electronic means

Description
Authorizes state agencies to publish and transmit certain rule making notices by electronic means; provides for the provision of the state register by electronic means; authorizes the legislative administrative regulations review commission to accept data transmitted by electronic means.

Primary Sponsors
David J. Valesky

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
PA	SB 745	Referred To Local Government 2017 06 07	In Senate	None	None	82.2% 77.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-06-07
An Act amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in legal advertising, further providing for additional publication in legal journals; providing for electronic publication of legal notices by local government units; and making an appropriation.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	H 483	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	In House	None	None	2.9% 82.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

An act relating to the publication of State, county, and municipal notices on electronic news media

Primary Sponsors
Mary S. Hooper

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
VT	S 97	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	In Senate	None	None	53.8% 68.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-24

An act relating to the publication of State, county, and municipal notice on electronic news media

Primary Sponsors
Anthony Pollina

Drones (7)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
CA	SB 347	June 27 Set For First Hearing Canceled At The Request Of Author 2017 06 27	In Assembly	None	None	3.4% 78.6%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-14

State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

Primary Sponsors
Hannah-Beth Jackson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
FL	HB 471	1st Reading 2018 01 09	In House	None	None	5.3% 82.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-10-27

Unmanned Aircraft

Description

Prohibits operating drone over or using drone to introduce contraband into certain facilities; provides criminal penalties; authorizes use of drone in certain circumstances to facilitate collection of evidence at scene of crime or traffic crash.

Primary Sponsors
Clay Yarborough

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
FL	SB 624	Introduced Sj 51 2018 01 09	In Senate	None	None	10.3% 84.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-10-24
Drones

Description
Prohibiting a person from knowingly or willingly operating a drone over, allowing a drone to make contact with, allowing a drone to come within a certain distance of, or using a drone to introduce contraband into or within the secure perimeter of a fixed-site facility; authorizing the use of a drone if a law enforcement agency possesses reasonable suspicion that, under particular circumstances, swift action is needed to facilitate the collection of evidence at a crime scene or traffic crash scene, etc.

Primary Sponsors
Dana Duden Young

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 454	Carried Over To 2018 Regular Session 2017 11 30	In Senate	None	None	58.8% 65.7%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-20
Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Description
Establishes a new chapter to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Requires the director of DCCA to adopt rules regarding unmanned aerial vehicles. Establishes prohibited uses of unmanned aerial vehicles and penalties, and authorizes civil action for violations. Makes certain uses of an unmanned aerial vehicle a misdemeanor. Clarifies that, under certain circumstances, first and second degree invasion of privacy may be committed using an unmanned aerial vehicle.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	SB 710	Carried Over To 2018 Regular Session 2017 11 30	In Senate	None	None	2.2% 72.8%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-20
Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Description
Establishes restrictions on the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Amends the offenses of violation of privacy in the first and second degrees to specifically address the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in the commission of these offenses.

Primary Sponsors
Laura H. Thielen, William C. Espero, Michelle N. Kidani

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3581	Hearing Rescheduled To 06 05 2017 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In Gardner Auditorium 2017 06 05	In House	None	None	3.7% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

An Act to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles

Description

By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. The Judiciary.

Primary Sponsors

Colleen M. Garry

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	S 1349	Hearing Scheduled For 05 31 2017 From 10 00 Am 12 00 Pm In B 1 2017 05 22	In Senate	None	None	6.4% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

An Act to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles

Description

By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1349) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Richard J. Ross, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Primary Sponsors

Patrick M. O'Connor

Anti-SLAPP (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 2263	Hearing Scheduled For 09 12 2017 From 01 00 Pm 05 00 Pm In A 1 2017 08 31	In House	None	None	32.6% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

An Act relative to strengthen the Commonwealth's Anti-SLAPP law

Description

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2263) of Mark J. Cusack and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to ensure full participation by citizens and organizations in discussion of issues regarding the right to the freedom of petition, the freedom of speech, the freedom of expression or any matter of public concern. The Judiciary.

Primary Sponsors

Mark James Cusack

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	S 3417	Referred To Judiciary 2018 01 03	In Senate	None	None	8.2% 88.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23
Creates the anti-SLAPP act

Description
Creates the anti-SLAPP act.

Primary Sponsors
Kevin S. Parker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
OH	SB 206	Refer To Committee Government Oversight And Reform 2017 10 18	In Senate	None	None	95.3% 64.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-10-03
Protect persons engaging in certain communications

Primary Sponsors
Matt Huffman

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
PA	SB 95	Referred To Judiciary 2017 04 26	In House	None	None	95.3% 80.3%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-21
An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and immunities, providing for immunity for constitutionally protected communications.

Telemarketing (1)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
KY	HB 63	Introduced In House To Small Business Information Technology H 2018 01 02	In House	None	None	95.2% 0.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2018-01-02
AN ACT relating to telephone solicitation.

Description
Amend KRS 367.46955 to prohibit knowingly using a caller identification service to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent of defrauding or causing to another person or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

Primary Sponsors
Kimberly King, Myron B. Dossett, C. Wesley Morgan

FOIA (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AR	HB 1866	Died In House At Sine Die 2017 05 01	Failed	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-02

To Exempt Certain Information Pertaining To A Law Enforcement Officer From The Freedom Of Information Act Of 1967; And Concerning Public Record Websites.

Primary Sponsors

Robin Lundstrum

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4427	Approved By The Governor 7 12 2017 10 49 Am 2017 08 16	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-28

Law enforcement; other; release of recording taken by law enforcement officers with a body-worn camera; prohibit in certain circumstances. Creates new act.

Primary Sponsors

Jim Runestad

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	A 2750	Signed Chap 453 2017 12 13	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-23

Relates to freedom of information requests and attorney's fees

Description

Establishes that in a FOIL proceeding, the court shall assess against an agency reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs incurred when a person substantially prevails unless the court finds otherwise.

Primary Sponsors

Amy R. Paulin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
SC	H 3352	Act No 67 2017 05 31	Enacted	None	None

Title
Office of Freedom of Information Act Review

Introduction Date: 2016-12-15

Description

An Act To Amend Section 30-4-30, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, Relating To Rights To Inspect Public Records Under The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Electronic Transmissions Among The Record Formats Available For Inspection, To Provide Certain Limitations Applicable To Prisoners, To Provide Public Bodies Are Not Required To Create Electronic Versions Of Public Records To Fulfill Records Requests, To Revise Requirements Concerning Records Request Fulfilment Fees, To Permit Public Bodies To Charge Certain Deposits Before Searching And Copying Public Records In Response To Records Requests, And To Revise The Time Limits And Manner For Responding To Records Requests And Complying With The Provisions Of The Act; To Amend Section 30-4-40, As Amended, Relating To Matters Exempt From Disclosure In The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Revise Provisions Concerning Law Enforcement Records; To Amend Section 30-4-50, Relating To Categories Of Matters Declared To Be Public Information In The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Law Enforcement Vehicle-Mounted Videos And Audio Recordings Of Certain Incidents Involving Law Enforcement Officers, To Provide Procedures Through Which Enforcement May Seek Exemption Of Disclosure Of The Recordings From The Circuit Court If There Is Clear And Convincing Evidence Of Specific Harm From The Release Of The Recordings, And To Provide Requirements For Related Court Orders; To Amend Section 30-4-100, Relating To Equitable Remedies Available Under The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Include Time Constraints Within Which Determinative Hearings On The Requests For Relief Must Be Made; To Amend Section 30-4-110, Relating To Penalties For Violations Of The Freedom Of Information Act, So As To Remove Criminal Penalties, And To Provide Rights And Remedies Of Public Bodies From Whom Requests Are Made And Persons With Specific Interests In Exempt Information For Which Disclosure Is Sought, Among Other Things; And To Amend Section 30-2-50, Relating To The Prohibition On Obtaining Personal Information From A State Agency For Commercial Solicitation, So As To Extend The Prohibition To Information Obtained From Local Governments And Political Subdivisions Of The State. - Ratified Title

Primary Sponsors

William Weston J. Newton

Federal Bills (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2997	Reported Amended By The Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure H Rept 115 296 2017 09 06	In House	None	None	61.9% 48.5%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-06-22

21st Century AIRR Act

Description

21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act or the 21st Century AIRR Act This bill reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through FY2020 and specified FAA programs for FY2018-FY2023. The bill revises requirements for the pilot program for passenger facility charges at nonhub airports and airport improvement program. The bill amends the Vision 100--Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act to extend through FY2023 the authorization for airport development at Midway Island Airport. The Department of Transportation (DOT): shall carry out an environmental mitigation pilot grant program for sponsors of public-use airports, and may make grants to such sponsors for environmental mitigation projects to reduce or mitigate aviation impacts on noise, air quality, or water quality at the airport or within five miles of the airport. The bill establishes the American Air Navigation Services Corporation as a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation. DOT shall transfer to the corporation: by a certain deadline FAA employees, property, and facilities; and on October 1, 2020, operational control of FAA air traffic services. DOT shall establish a Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee. The FAA shall establish: the FAA Task Force on Flight Standards Reform, and a Regulatory Consistency Communications Board. The FAA shall establish a safety workforce training strategy. DOT shall take appropriate actions to promote U.S. aerospace standards, products, and services abroad. DOT shall modify FAA's final rule published August 19, 1994, relating to flight duty limitations and rest requirements to ensure that: a flight attendant scheduled for a duty period of 14 hours or less is given a scheduled rest period of at least 10 consecutive hours, and the rest period is not reduced under any circumstances. DOT shall develop a comprehensive plan to accelerate the integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems (drones) into the national airspace system. The bill prescribes certain requirements for improving passenger air service. The bill also reauthorizes for FY2018-FY2023 the essential air service program and the small community air service development program. DOT shall: establish a regional air transportation pilot grant program, and provide grants to air carriers to maintain air service to communities not receiving sufficient air service. The FAA shall initiate a review of its strategic aviation cybersecurity plan. DOT shall establish a remote air traffic control tower pilot program for rural or small communities.

Primary Sponsors

William Franklin Shuster

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 3228	Introduced In House 2017 07 13	In House	None	None	53.5% 39.1%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-07-13
Free Press Act of 2017

Description

Free Press Act of 2017 This bill requires the President to provide for video recorded press briefings covering the official business of the President to the White House press corps at least two times per week.

Primary Sponsors

James A. Himes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 4382	Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime Terrorism Homeland Security And Investigations 2017 12 13	In House	None	None	50.8% 57.0%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-11-14
Free Flow of Information Act of 2017

Primary Sponsors

Jamin B. Raskin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 564	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation 2017 03 08	In Senate	None	None	94.9% 57.4%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-08
HANGUP Act

Description

Help Americans Never Get Unwanted Phone Calls Act of 2017 or the HANGUP Act This bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 to repeal provisions that authorize the use of automated telephone equipment (robocall or robotext equipment) to call cellular telephones or residential telephone lines for the purpose of collecting debts owed to the U.S. government. The bill also extends the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) to restrict government contractors and other legal entities from using such automated telephone equipment without prior consent of the called party. (Currently, government contractors are exempt from TCPA restrictions under a Federal Communications Commission declaratory ruling released on July 5, 2016.)

Primary Sponsors

Edward John Markey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 760	Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Reported By Senator Johnson With Amendments With Written Report No 115 134 2017 07 24	In Senate	None	None	95.1% 52.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-29
Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act

Description

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act or the OPEN Government Data Act This bill requires open government data assets made available by federal agencies (excluding the Government Accountability Office, the Federal Election Commission, and certain other government entities) to be published as machine-readable data. When not otherwise prohibited by law, and to the extent practicable, public data assets and nonpublic data assets maintained by the federal government must be available: (1) in an open format that does not impede use or reuse and that has standards maintained by a standards organization; and (2) under open licenses with a legal guarantee that the data be available at no cost to the public with no restrictions on copying, publishing, distributing, transmitting, citing, or adapting. If published government data assets are not available under an open license, the data must be considered part of the worldwide public domain. Agencies may engage with outside organizations and citizens to leverage public data assets for innovation in public and private sectors. Agencies must: (1) make their enterprise data inventories available to the public on Data.gov, and (2) designate a point of contact to assist the public and respond to complaints about adherence to open data requirements. For privacy, security, confidentiality, or regulatory reasons, agencies may maintain a nonpublic portion of their inventories. The General Services Administration must maintain a single public interface online as a point of entry dedicated to sharing open government data with the public. The Office of Management and Budget must develop and maintain an online repository of tools, best practices, and schema standards to facilitate the adoption of open data practices.

Primary Sponsors

Brian Emanuel Schatz

First Amendment (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
ND	SB 2201	Filed With Secretary Of State 04 05 2017 04 13	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-01-12
Relating To The Freedom Of Expression Of Student Journalists.

Description

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 15-10-55 and 15.1-19-25 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the freedom of expression of student journalists.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NY	A 8333	Referred To Education 2018 01 03	In Assembly	None	None	9.1% 86.9%

Title Introduction Date: 2017-06-08
 Relates to the enactment of the student journalist free speech act

Description
 Enacts the student journalist free speech act to protect student speech unless it is libelous, an invasion of privacy, or incites students to commit an unlawful act, violate school policies, or to materially and substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school.

Primary Sponsors
 Philip A. Palmesano

Recently Enacted Laws (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AK	SCR 4	H Public Member Representing 2017 11 29	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-22
 Relating to the Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Primary Sponsors
 Shelley Hughes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NC	HB 337	Signed By Gov 7 21 2017 2017 07 21	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-03-14
 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions.

Primary Sponsors
 John Alan Torbett

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 1424	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None

Title Introduction Date: 2017-02-01
 Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities or sports venues; creating a criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors
 James Richard Murphy, Paul Daniel Workman, Brian Birdwell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 1643	Signed By The Governor 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None

Title

Introduction Date: 2017-02-07

Relating to the regulation of the operation of an unmanned aircraft and the prosecution of a related criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors

Drew Springer Jr., Patrick Fallon, Ron Simmons, Greg Bonnen, Kelton Gray Seliger

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