

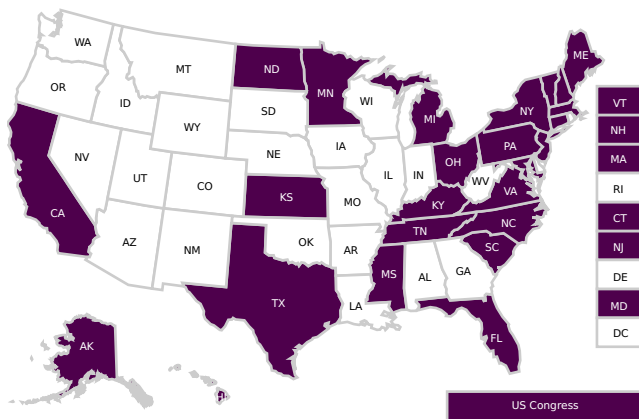
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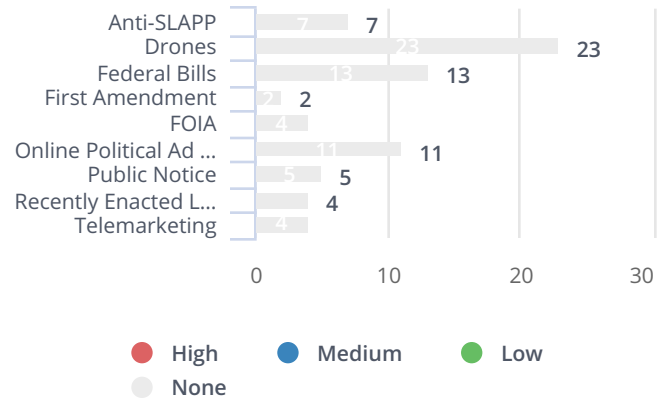
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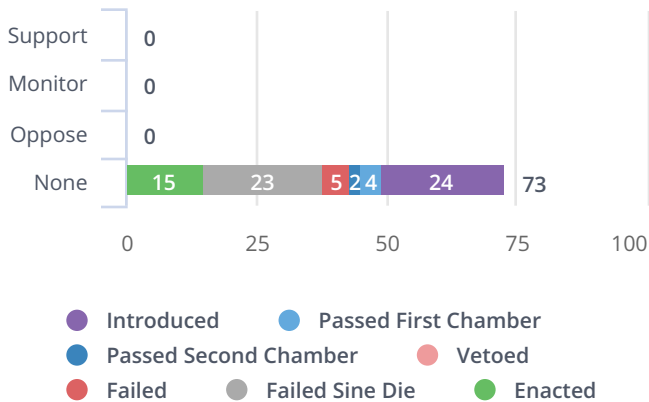
Bills by State



Bills by Issue and Priority



Bills by Last Status and Position



Bills by Issue

Anti-SLAPP (7)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	H 2263	Accompanied A Study Order See H 4721 2018 07 10	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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 Cusack

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	S 2616	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Judiciary Committee 2018 05 31	In Senate	None	None	23.9% 82.3%

Title

Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Primary Sponsors

Joe Lagana

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
SC	H 4897	Referred To Committee On Judiciary House Journal Page 31 2018 02 08	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Citizens Participation in Government Act

Description

A Bill To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Article 3 To Chapter 36, Title 15 So As To Enact The "Citizens Participation In Government Act Of 2018" And To Provide That Acts In Furtherance Of The Constitutional Right To Free Speech, Right To Petition, Or Right Of Association Are Immune From Civil Liability Except When The Acts Are Not Aimed At Procuring A Governmental Or Electoral Action, Result, Or Outcome, To Provide Expedited Procedures For Hearing Motions In Actions Brought In Opposition To A Citizen'S Right To Petition The Government, To Create A Toll-Free Hotline In The Office Of The Attorney General For Use By The Public In Reporting Violations Of This Act, To Provide Remedies For Violations, Including Attorney'S Fees And Costs To The Prevailing Party; And To Designate Sections 15-36-10 Through 15-36-100 As Article 1, Chapter 36, Title 15 Entitled "South Carolina Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act" And To Redesignate Article 36 As "Sanctions".

Primary Sponsors

James Smith

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	A 2077	Introduced Referred To Assembly Judiciary Committee 2018 01 09	In Assembly	None	None	4.2% 84.7%

Title

Authorizes application for dismissal of a "Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation " ("SLAPP").

Primary Sponsors

Joe Lagana, Paul Moriarty

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	S 3417	Referred To Judiciary 2018 01 03	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Creates the anti-SLAPP act

Description

Creates the anti-SLAPP act.

Primary Sponsors

Kevin 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	95.2% 64.7%

Title

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	94.9% 80.3%

Title

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.

Drones (23)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
US	HR 302	Signed By President 2018 10 05	Enacted	None	None

Title

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

Description

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.) Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act of 2017 (Sec. 2) This bill extends the liability insurance coverage of a state-licensed medical professional to another state when the professional provides medical services to an athlete, athletic team, or team staff member pursuant to a written agreement. Prior to providing such services, the medical professional must disclose to the insurer the nature and extent of the services. This extension of coverage does not apply at a health care facility or while a medical professional licensed in the state is transporting the injured individual to a health care facility.

Primary Sponsors

Brett Guthrie

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
PA	HB 1346	Presented To The Governor 2018 10 02	Passed Senate	None	None	6.8% 73.4%

Title

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft.

Primary Sponsors

Jeff Pyle

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 6617	Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime Terrorism Homeland Security And Investigations 2018 10 01	In House	None	None	46.9% 50.4%

Title

Preserving American Privacy Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Ted Poe

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 6401	Referred To The Subcommittee On Crime Terrorism Homeland Security And Investigations 2018 09 19	In House	None	None	13.9% 44.8%

Title

Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Michael McCaul

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3581	Accompanied A Study Order See H 4874 2018 08 09	In House	None	None	3.7% 0.0%

Title

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 Garry

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MA	H 3496	Accompanied A Study Order See H 4874 2018 08 09	In House	None	None	7.8% 0.0%

Title

An Act relative to unmanned aerial vehicles

Description

By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3496) of Michael J. Finn relative to penalties for unauthorized use of unmanned aerial vehicles. The Judiciary.

Primary Sponsors

Mike Finn

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CA	SB 347	June 19 Set For Second Hearing Canceled At The Request Of Author 2018 06 19	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.

Description

SB 347, as amended, Jackson. State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.
(1) Existing federal law, the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, provides for the integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems, commonly known as drones, into the National Airspace System. Existing federal law generally requires an aircraft to be registered with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), prohibits a person from operating a United States registered aircraft unless that aircraft displays specified nationality and registration marks, and, unless authorized by the FAA, prohibits a person from placing on any aircraft a design, mark, or symbol that modifies or confuses those nationality and registration marks. The State Aeronautics Act governs various matters relative to aviation in the state, including, among other things, fostering and promoting safety in aeronautics and establishing only those regulations that are essential and clearly within the scope of the authority granted to the Department of Transportation by the Legislature, in order that persons may engage in every phase of aeronautics with the least possible restriction consistent with the safety and the rights of others. A violation of the act is a crime punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months, or both. This bill would enact the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act. The bill would prohibit a person from operating a remote piloted aircraft in any number of specified manners and would require any person using, operating, or renting a remote piloted aircraft and every commercial operator of a remote piloted aircraft to maintain adequate liability insurance or proof of financial responsibility, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to adopt rules and regulations governing the conditions under which remote piloted aircraft may be operated for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the general public interest and safety and the safety of persons operating remote piloted aircraft. The bill would authorize the department to make and amend general or special rules, orders, and procedures, and establish minimum standards consistent with the act as it deems necessary, to administer the provisions of the act, as specified. The bill would provide that remedies provided by the act are cumulative with any other remedies available under law. The bill would provide that the provisions of the act are severable. The bill would make a violation of any provision of the act or any rule or order issued pursuant to the act punishable as an infraction with a fine not exceeding \$250, or as a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or by both that fine and imprisonment. Because ... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Hannah-Beth Jackson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	S 8936	Referred To Rules 2018 06 06	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Relates to regulating the use of unmanned aircraft in the state

Description

Regulates the use of unmanned aircrafts in the state; defines terms; authorizes permitted uses of unmanned aircrafts; restricts use of unmanned aircrafts; makes related provisions.

Primary Sponsors

Dave Valesky

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	A 10939	Referred To Codes 2018 05 29	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Relates to conducting unlawful surveillance by use of a drone

Description

Relates to conducting unlawful surveillance by use of a drone.

Primary Sponsors

Chris Tague

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MI	SB 715	Referred To Committee On Communications And Technology 2018 05 10	In House	None	None	95.1% 84.9%

Title

Aeronautics; unmanned aerial systems; local ordinances; allow Mackinac Island to regulate unmanned aerial systems. Amends sec. 5 of 2016 PA 436 (MCL 259.305).

Primary Sponsors

Wayne Schmidt

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	A 10625	Referred To Transportation 2018 05 09	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Relates to regulating the use of unmanned aircraft in the state

Description

Regulates the use of unmanned aircrafts in the state; defines terms; authorizes permitted uses of unmanned aircrafts; restricts use of unmanned aircrafts; makes related provisions.

Primary Sponsors

Bill Magnarelli

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
MI	HB 5495	Referred To Committee On Transportation 2018 04 10	In Senate	None	None	26.8% 71.5%

Title

Crimes; other; prohibition on using an unmanned aircraft in a manner that interferes with the operations of a key facility; provide for. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 45a.

Primary Sponsors

Roger Hauck

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VA	SB 307	Governor Acts Of Assembly Chapter Text Chap 0617 2018 03 30	Enacted	None	None

Title

Unmanned aircraft systems; work group to explore issues related system activities.

Description

Department of Aviation; unmanned aircraft systems. Directs the Department of Aviation to convene a work group with stakeholders to explore issues related to unmanned aircraft system activities in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and other responsible federal agencies. The bill defines "unmanned aircraft" and "unmanned aircraft system" for application to Title 5.1 (Aviation), but such definitions shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2019 Session of the General Assembly.

Primary Sponsors

John Cosgrove

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NH	HB 1759	Inexpedient To Legislate Ma Vv 03 22 2018 Hj 10 P 18 2018 03 22	Failed	None	None

Title

regulating the use of drones.

Primary Sponsors

Neal Kurk

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
FL	HB 471	Indefinitely Postponed And Withdrawn From Consideration 2018 03 10	Failed	None	None

Title

Unmanned Aircraft

Description

Prohibits operating drone over certain facilities; authorizes use of drone in certain circumstances to facilitate collection of evidence at scene of crime or traffic crash; authorizes use of drone by local or state agency for specified purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Clay Yarborough, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
FL	SB 624	Indefinitely Postponed And Withdrawn From Consideration 2018 03 10	Failed	None	None

Title

Drones

Description

Redefining the term "critical infrastructure 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; authorizing the use of a drone by a local or state agency when used in the assessment of damage, flood state, wildfire, or land management, or the monitoring and collection of scientific or marketing data, etc.

Primary Sponsors

Dana Young, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MA	S 1349	Bill Reported Favorably By Committee And Referred To The Committee On Senate Ways And Means 2018 02 26	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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 O'Connor

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	S 1741	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Law And Public Safety Committee 2018 02 05	In Senate	None	None	85.2% 78.0%

Title

Requires certain retailers to provide notice of FAA safety guidelines for flying drones to consumers.

Primary Sponsors

Dick Codey

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MS	HB 1220	Died In Committee 2018 01 30	Failed	None	None

Title

Unmanned aircrafts; prohibit counties and municipalities from regulating for certain purposes.

Description

An Act To Prohibit The Governing Authorities Of Counties And Municipalities From Restricting And Regulating The Use Of Unmanned Aircraft Systems; To Provide Certain Definitions; And For Related Purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Brad Touchstone

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HI	HB 1792	Referred To Trn Cpc Jud Referral Sheet 4 2018 01 22	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Relating To Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

Description

Establishes a new chapter to regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles. Requires the director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules as necessary. 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, the used of an unmanned aerial vehicle may constitute an invasion of privacy.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HI	SB 710	Re Referred To Psm Cph Jdc 2018 01 17	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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 Thielen, Will Espero, Michelle Kidani

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
HI	SB 454	Re Referred To Cph Jdc Wam 2018 01 17	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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
NJ	A 1765	Introduced Referred To Assembly Homeland Security And State Preparedness Committee 2018 01 09	In Assembly	None	None	4.2% 87.5%

Title

Regulates and prohibits certain operation of drones.

Primary Sponsors

Annette Quijano, Jon Bramnick, Vince Mazzeo, Raj Mukherji, Dan Benson

Federal Bills (13)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 2836	Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs Hearings Held 2018 09 13	In Senate	None	None	62.4% 48.5%

Title

Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Ron Johnson

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 4	S Amdt 3687 Senate Amendment Submitted 2018 08 01	In Senate	None	None	95.6% 82.1%

Title

FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Bill Shuster

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 6437	Introduced In House 2018 07 19	In House	None	None	4.2% 54.5%

Title

Secure America from Russian Interference Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Steny Hoyer

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 3149	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation 2018 06 27	In Senate	None	None	92.1% 54.4%

Title

DO NOT Call Act

Primary Sponsors

Catherine Cortez Masto

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 1989	Committee On The Judiciary Subcommittee On Crime And Terrorism Hearings Held 2018 06 26	In Senate	None	None	63.9% 55.8%

Title

Honest Ads Act

Primary Sponsors

Amy Klobuchar

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 3127	Introduced In Senate 2018 06 25	In Senate	None	None	91.7% 54.8%

Title

Bot Disclosure and Accountability Act of 2018

Primary Sponsors

Dianne Feinstein

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 5573	Referred To The House Committee On Energy And Commerce 2018 04 18	In House	None	None	6.2% 56.3%

Title

ROBOCOP Act

Description

Repeated Objectionable Bothering of Consumers on Phones Act or the ROBOCOP Act This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to: (1) require providers of text messaging or voice services, for no additional charge, to enable technology that verifies the accuracy of caller ID information; (2) require providers to offer subscribers optional free robocall-technology blocking technology; and (3) provide an exemption process for subscribers originating a call if there is a need to provide misleading or inaccurate information (such as a call to conduct an activity of a domestic violence shelter or medical practice). The bill allows private actions to enjoin or recover damages for violations of the FCC's caller identification technology standards. States may bring civil actions for a pattern or practice of a failure to provide such technology or options. The bill amends the Communications Act of 1934 to make it unlawful for persons within or outside the United States, with the intent to cause harm, to intentionally interfere with call-blocking technology. The FCC must report on whether the requirements of this bill have reduced unwanted calls to consumers.

Primary Sponsors

Jackie Speier

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 2705	Read Twice And Referred To The Committee On Commerce Science And Transportation 2018 04 18	In Senate	None	None	52.5% 53.5%

Title

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Primary Sponsors

Dick Blumenthal

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	21.7% 58.1%

Title

Free Flow of Information Act of 2017

Primary Sponsors

Jamie Raskin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 2997	Placed On The Union Calendar Calendar No 213 2017 09 06	In House	None	None	61.9% 48.5%

Title

21st Century AIRR Act

Description

21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act or the 21st Century AIRR Act This bill reauthorizes and modifies Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs. It also establishes the American Air Navigation Services Corporation as a federally chartered, not-for-profit corporation to assume operational control of FAA air traffic services on October 1, 2020. The bill revises requirements for the pilot program for passenger facility charges at nonhub airports and the airport improvement program. The bill extends 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. DOT shall establish a Safety Oversight and Certification Advisory Committee. The FAA must establish: the FAA Task Force on Flight Standards Reform, a Regulatory Consistency Communications Board, a safety workforce training strategy, and minimum dimensions for passenger seats on aircraft operated by air carriers. The FAA must also issue an order requiring the installation of a secondary cockpit barrier on aircraft manufactured for delivery to a passenger air carrier in the United States. DOT shall take appropriate actions to promote U.S. aerospace standards, products, and services abroad. DOT shall modify regulations regarding flight duty limitations and rest requirements to ensure that: (1) 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 (2) the rest period is not reduced under any circumstances. The bill prescribes certain requirements for improving passenger air service. The bill also reauthorizes the essential air service program and the small community air service development program. DOT shall: develop a comprehensive plan to accelerate the integration of civil unmanned aircraft systems (drones) into the national airspace system, establish a regional air transportation pilot program to provide operating assistance and grants to provide and maintain air service to communities not receiving sufficient air service, require each air carrier to submit for approval a one-page document that accurately describes the rights of passengers in air transportation, require large ticket agents to adopt minimum customer service standards, and establish a remote air traffic control tower pilot program for rural or small communities. Each air carrier must submit to the FAA an Employee Assault Prevention and Response Pla... (click bill link to see more).

Primary Sponsors

Bill Shuster

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 760	Placed On Senate Legislative Calendar Under General Orders Calendar No 180 2017 07 24	In Senate	None	None	95.4% 52.7%

Title

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act

Description

Open, Public, Electronic, and Necessary Government Data Act or the OPEN Government Data Act (Sec. 4) This bill requires open government data assets made available by federal agencies (excluding the Government Accountability Office [GAO] 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. (Sec. 5) The Chief Operating Officer of each agency shall submit to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a report assessing the coverage, quality, methods, effectiveness, and independence of the evaluation, research, and analysis efforts of the agency. The GAO shall submit to Congress a report that summarizes agency findings and highlights trends from the reports submitted and, if appropriate, recommends actions to further improve agency capacity to use evaluation techniques and data to support evaluation efforts. (Sec. 6) The OMB 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 Schatz

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	HR 3228	Referred To The House Committee On Oversight And Government Reform 2017 07 13	In House	None	None	53.5% 39.1%

Title

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

Jim Himes

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
US	S 564	Introduced In Senate 2017 03 08	In Senate	None	None	94.9% 56.1%

Title

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 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.

Primary Sponsors

Ed Markey

First Amendment (2)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	A 8333	Enacting Clause Stricken 2018 02 01	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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

Phil Palmesano

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

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.

Primary Sponsors

David Rust, Larry Luick, Erin Oban, Bill Devlin, Cindy Schreiber-Beck, Corey Mock

FOIA (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	HB 5261	Public Hearing 03 05 2018 02 28	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Description

To clarify that agencies may charge a fee for electronic copies and to allow municipalities to charge a higher fee for requests for a public record for commercial purposes.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	A 2750	Approval Memo 33 2017 12 13	Enacted	None	None

Title

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 Paulin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MI	HB 4427	Assigned Pa 8517 With Immediate Effect 2017 08 16	Enacted	None	None

Title

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
SC	H 3352	Act No 67 2017 05 31	Enacted	None	None

Title

Office of Freedom of Information Act Review

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

Weston Newton

[Online Political Ad Disclosure \(11\)](#)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NC	HB 1065	Withdrawn From Cal 2018 06 14	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Digital Communications in Elections.

Primary Sponsors

Pricey Harrison, David Lewis, Grier Martin, Jon Hardister

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MD	HB 981	Enacted Under Article Ii Section 17 C Of The Maryland Constitution Chapter 834 2018 05 26	Enacted	None	None

Title

Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act

Description

Altering the definition of "campaign material" to include certain material that is disseminated and certain qualifying paid digital communications; altering the definition of "public communication" to include certain qualifying paid digital communications that require a person who makes independent expenditures of a certain amount to file an independent expenditure report with the State Board; requiring, under certain circumstances, an online platform to apply for a compliance waiver before receiving certain payment; etc.

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MD	SB 875	Enacted Under Article Ii Section 17 C Of The Maryland Constitution Chapter 833 2018 05 26	Enacted	None	None

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Primary Sponsors

Craig Zucker

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MN	SF 4113	Referred To State Government Finance And Policy And Elections 2018 05 19	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Campaign finance provisions modifications; express advocacy definition modification; campaign advertisements disclosures and electioneering communication disclosures requirement

Primary Sponsors

John Marty, Chris Eaton, Jim Carlson, Carolyn Laine

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
MN	HF 4540	Introduction And First Reading Referred To Government Operations And Elections Policy 2018 05 19	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Express advocacy definition modified, campaign advertisement disclosures required, electioneering communication disclosures provided, and penalties provided.

Primary Sponsors

Fue Lee

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	H 828	House Message Governor Approved Bill On May 16 2018 2018 05 16	Enacted	None	None

Title

(Act 129) An act relating to disclosures in campaign finance law

Primary Sponsors

John Gannon

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
KS	SB 58	Died In Committee 2018 05 08	Failed	None	None

Title

Facilitating the identification of the sponsors of internet political campaign advertisements.

Primary Sponsors

Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
HI	HB 2247	Recommitted To Conference Committee As Amended In Cd 1 With None Voting No And None Excused 2018 05 01	Passed Senate	None	None	4.3% 69.1%

Title

Relating To Campaign Finance.

Description

Clarifies that certain disclosure requirements for campaign advertisements apply to advertisements communicated by electronic or digital means. (HB2247 CD1)

Primary Sponsors

Chris Lee, Della Belatti, Tom Brower, Beth Fukumoto, Linda Ichiyama, Aaron Johanson, Matt LoPresti, Nicole Lowen, Dee Morikawa, Mark Nakashima, Scott Nishimoto, Roy Takumi, Thielen

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	SB 1635	Subst For Comp Hb 2018 04 16	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Election Laws - As introduced, requires political communications through a social media platform to indicate the person, candidate, or political committee who paid for and, as applicable, authorized the communication. - Amends TCA Section 2-19-120.

Primary Sponsors

Jeff Yarbro

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
CT	HB 5526	Reported Out Of Legislative Commissioners Office Lco 2018 04 16	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

AN ACT CONCERNING DARK MONEY AND DISCLOSURE.

Description

To (1) implement federal court rulings regarding independent expenditure political committees, (2) increase disclosure of independent expenditures and prohibit such expenditures by foreign-influenced entities, (3) reveal persons behind political committees and contributors to such committees, (4) require online platforms to disclose purchasers of political ads, and (5) increase transparency with respect to moneys paid to consultants.

Primary Sponsors

Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TN	HB 1847	Comp Sb Subst 2018 04 16	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

Election Laws - As introduced, requires political communications through a social media platform to indicate the person, candidate, or political committee who paid for and, as applicable, authorized the communication. - Amends TCA Section 2-19-120.

Primary Sponsors

Jason Powell

Public Notice (5)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
NY	S 1237	Referred To Governmental Operations 2018 03 21	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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

Dave 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

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
ME	LD 329 (HP 243)	Taken From The Table By The President Ld 329 In Senate April 13 2017 This Bill Having Been Returned By The Governor Together With Objections To The Same Pursuant To The Provisions Of The Constitution Of The State Of Maine After Reconsideration The Senate Proceeded To Vote On The Question Shall This Bill Become A Law Notwithstanding The Objections Of The Governor 32 In Favor And 0 Against Accordingly It Was The Vote Of The Senate That The Bill Become Law And The Veto Was Overridden 2017 04 13	Enacted	None	None

Title

An Act Concerning the Law Governing the Posting of Newspaper Legal Notices and the Statewide Repository for Legal Notices

Primary Sponsors

Danny Martin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	S 97	Read 1st Time Referred To Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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

Primary Sponsors

Anthony Pollina

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
VT	H 483	Read First Time And Referred To The Committee On Government Operations 2017 02 24	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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

Primary Sponsors

Mary Hooper

Recently Enacted Laws (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
AK	SCR 4	S Appointment Of Public Member Industry Representative Ryan Marlow 2017 11 29	Enacted	None	None

Title

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

Unmanned Aircraft Systems Law Revisions.

Primary Sponsors

John Torbett

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 1424	Effective On 9 1 17 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None

Title

Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities or sports venues; creating a criminal offense.

Primary Sponsors

Jim Murphy, Paul Workman, Brian Birdwell

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
TX	HB 1643	Effective On 9 1 17 2017 06 15	Enacted	None	None

Title

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

Primary Sponsors

Drew Springer, Pat Fallon, Ron Simmons, Greg Bonnen, Kel Seliger

Telemarketing (4)

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	S 2918	Introduced In The Senate Referred To Senate Commerce Committee 2018 09 17	In Senate	None	None	95.0% 82.6%

Title

Prohibits telemarketers from making certain unsolicited telemarketing sales calls.

Primary Sponsors

Linda Greenstein

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority	FN Outlook
NJ	A 4384	Introduced Referred To Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee 2018 09 13	In Assembly	None	None	5.0% 86.9%

Title

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Primary Sponsors

BettyLou DeCroce, Chris DePhillips

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
SC	H 4628	Act No 218 2018 05 31	Enacted	None	None

Title

Telephone Privacy Protection Act

Description

An Act To Amend The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, By Adding Chapter 21 To Title 37 So As To Enact The "South Carolina Telephone Privacy Protection Act"; To Define Relevant Terms; To Prohibit Telephone Solicitors From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation During Certain Hours Of The Day And To Provide Exceptions; To Require Telephone Solicitors To Disclose Certain Information At The Outset Of A Telephone Solicitation, Including The Consumer'S Right To Be Added To The Telephone Solicitor'S In-House "Do Not Call List" Upon Request; To Prohibit A Person, With Fraudulent Or Other Specified Intent, From Making Or Initiating A Telephone Call Or Text Message Or Engaging In Conduct That Results In The Display Of Misleading, False, Or Inaccurate Caller Identification Information; To Require Telephone Solicitors To Play Certain Prerecorded Identifications And Opt-Out Messages Under Certain Circumstances; To Prohibit A Person From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation Directed To A Telephone Number When A Person At That Telephone Number Previously Stated A Desire Not To Be Contacted, And To Prohibit Telephone Solicitors From Initiating Or Causing To Be Initiated A Telephone Solicitation To A Telephone Number On The National Do Not Call Registry; To Provide Remedies For Violations; To Authorize The Administrator Of The Department Of Consumer Affairs To Issue Administrative Orders Requiring A Person To Cease And Desist, Or Return Property Or Money Received In Violation Of This Act, To Impose Penalties, And To Authorize The Attorney General To Investigate And Enforce Alleged Violations Of This Act; To Provide That Nothing In This Act May Be Construed To Limit Other Remedies Available Under Federal Or State Law; And To Delete Section 16-17-445. - Ratified Title

Primary Sponsors

Rick Martin

State	Bill Number	Last Action	Status	Position	Priority
KY	HB 63	To Small Business Information Technology H 2018 01 02	Failed sine die	None	None

Title

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

Kim King, Myron Dossett, Wesley Morgan

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