



Vote for Kids 2018

California Legislative Scorecard

Californians have some big choices to make in November. With more than three quarters of the seats in the Assembly and Senate up for election, parents need to know: Which lawmakers are voting in kids' best interests, and which are falling short?

As voters consider candidates this fall, the **Vote for Kids 2018 California Legislative Scorecard** shines a light on how legislators in Sacramento voted on key bills affecting kids and families.

Families made their voices heard loud and clear in Sacramento this year with thousands of emails, calls, and office visits — and scored some major victories along the way. Thanks to them, 32 “For Kids” bills were signed into law, including a landmark privacy law that helps consumers take control of their data and gives kids special protections online.

This year, 2018, is a defining moment for California families. The next governor and Legislature will have the chance to take on the most important topics for kids, from ensuring a right start for children via support for early care and universal preschool to tackling the poverty rate and making sure the internet is a place where our future thrives. As Californians enter the voting booth this fall, we hope this guide helps them choose leaders who can build on the wins of the past year and prioritize what matters the most: our kids.

Every legislator should have a perfect scorecard when it comes to supporting kids. Does yours? Make your voice heard this November, and vote to make California a “For Kids” state.

METHODOLOGY

Each senator and Assembly member was scored according to the actions they took on 52 **"For Kids"** and **"Against Kids"** bills (listed on page 14). For comparison, we have also included scores from the 2017 legislative session.

Legislators' scores were calculated as a percentage of **"For Kids"** or **"Against Kids"** votes either in committee or in their house.

The Common Sense Kids Action team identified **"For Kids"** bills that:

- focus on kids' digital lives via the advancement of privacy protections, digital citizenship and learning, ethical tech practices, and/or digital equity and inclusion (core areas of focus for Common Sense); or that support the well-being of kids and families in three other key areas: early life, family life, and/or school life; and
- upon analysis of intent, feasibility, and funding mechanisms are found to have the potential to do both of the following:
 1. positively affect either the majority of the state's kids and families or vulnerable populations;
 2. have a significant impact on youth and family outcomes.

By the Numbers

2,000

BILLS WERE INTRODUCED THIS YEAR BY CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS.

51

WERE RATED "FOR KIDS,"

bills that would positively affect kids' digital well-being and/or would have a significant positive impact on kids' lives (see page 14).

8

"FOR KIDS" BILLS DIDN'T MAKE IT TO A FULL VOTE.*

41

"FOR KIDS" BILLS WERE PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

(the one "Against Kids" bill we rated was defeated).

32

"FOR KIDS" BILLS WERE SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BROWN.

***Voters should know:** Despite surviving the policy committee process, some bills get quietly shelved without ever making it to the Senate and Assembly floors for a full vote. Without public support, "For Kids" policies can die before they get a chance — all the more reason to make your voices (and votes) heard!

BALLOT PROPOSITION SPOTLIGHT:

Proposition 4 is "For Kids"

California voters can vote "4" kids this year by supporting Proposition 4, which would raise \$1.5 billion dollars to award grants to children's hospitals for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. California has 13 regional children's hospitals that currently serve more than 2 million patients a year, a number that will only grow. This bond will provide those hospitals the ability to modernize their facilities and provide the best possible care to California's kids. Common Sense calls on all Californians to join together to support Proposition 4 and our children's hospitals. When we say kids should be our state's top priority, this is what we mean!

Need to look up your legislators? findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



= **90% OR HIGHER**
Scores based on votes for
52 bills (listed on pg. 14).














= INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM 2017






































= RUNNING FOR REELECTION

SENATE

	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Jim Beall	100%	100%	D	San Jose	
	 Bill Dodd	98% ↓	100%	D	Napa	
	 Ted Gaines	47% ↑	44%	R	El Dorado Hills	
	 Steven Glazer	93% ↑	92%	D	Orinda	
	 Jerry Hill	100%	100%	D	San Mateo	
	 Mike McGuire	100% ↑	94%	D	Healdsburg	
	 Jim Nielsen	43% ↓	53%	R	Gerber	
	 Richard Pan	100%	100%	D	Sacramento	
	 Nancy Skinner	100%	100%	D	Berkeley	
	 Bob Wieckowski	98% ↑	95%	D	Fremont	
	 Scott Wiener	100%	100%	D	San Francisco	


























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ASSEMBLY

	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	96% ↓	100%	D	Winters	
	 Catharine Baker	84% ↑	81%	R	Dublin	
	 Marc Berman	100%	100%	D	Palo Alto	
	 Frank Bigelow	48% ↑	47%	R	O'Neals	
	 Rob Bonta	98% ↓	100%	D	Alameda	
	 David Chiu	100%	100%	D	San Francisco	
	 Kansen Chu	100%	100%	D	San Jose	
	 Ken Cooley	79% ↓	97%	D	Rancho Cordova	
	 Jim Cooper	81% ↓	91%	D	Elk Grove	
	 Brian Dahle	48% ↓	55%	R	Bieber	
	 Jim Frazier	81% ↓	94%	D	Oakley	
	 James Gallagher	58% ↑	52%	R	Yuba City	
	 Tim Grayson	92% ↓	97%	D	Concord	
	 Ash Kalra	98% ↓	100%	D	San Jose	

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	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Kevin Kiley	48% ↓	52%	R	Rocklin	
	 Marc Levine	98% ↑	97%	D	San Rafael	
	 Evan Low	100%	100%	D	Campbell	
	 Kevin McCarty	96% ↓	97%	D	Sacramento	
	 Kevin Mullin	98% ↑	97%	D	South San Francisco	
	 Bill Quirk	94%	94%	D	Hayward	
	 Tony Thurmond	98% ↓	100%	D	Richmond	
	 Philip Y. Ting	100%	100%	D	San Francisco	
	 Jim Wood	100% ↑	97%	D	Healdsburg	

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	Tom Berryhill	54% ↓	81%	R	Modesto	
	Anthony Cannella	63% ↓	80%	R	Ceres	
	Jean Fuller	37% ↓	54%	R	Bakersfield	
	Cathleen Galgiani	96% ↓	97%	D	Stockton	
	Bill Monning	98% ↑	95%	D	Carmel	
	Andy Vidak	59% ↓	63%	R	Hanford	

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA



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	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Joaquin Arambula	94% ↓	100%	D	Kingsburg	
	 Anna M. Caballero	92% ↓	100%	D	Salinas	
	 Jordan Cunningham	65% ↑	63%	R	Templeton	
	 Susan Talamantes Eggman	86% ↑	84%	D	Stockton	
	 Heath Flora	48% ↓	53%	R	Ripon	
	 Vince Fong	42% ↓	50%	R	Bakersfield	
	 Adam C. Gray	83% ↓	88%	D	Merced	
	 Devon J. Mathis	48% ↓	53%	R	Porterville	
	 Jim Patterson	42% ↓	45%	R	Fresno	
	 Rudy Salas, Jr.	81% ↓	97%	D	Bakersfield	
	 Mark Stone	98% ↓	100%	D	Scotts Valley	

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SENATE

	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Benjamin Allen	100%	100%	D	Santa Monica	
	 Joel Anderson	41% ↓	57%	R	Alpine	
	 Toni G. Atkins	100%	100%	D	San Diego	
	 Patricia Bates	49% ↓	54%	R	Laguna Niguel	
	 Steven Bradford	98% ↓	100%	D	Gardena	
	 Ling Ling Chang	65%	N/A	R	Fullerton	
	 Kevin de León	86% ↓	100%	D	Los Angeles	
	 Vanessa Delgado	98%	N/A	D	Artesia	
	 Ed Hernandez	98% ↑	97%	D	Azusa	
	 Robert Hertzberg	98% ↑	92%	D	Los Angeles	
	 Benjamin Hueso	100% ↑	97%	D	San Diego	
	 Hannah-Beth Jackson	98% ↑	97%	D	Santa Barbara	
	 Ricardo Lara	100%	100%	D	Bell Gardens	

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SENATE

	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	Connie M. Leyva	100%	100%	D	Chino	
	Holly J. Mitchell	100%	100%	D	Los Angeles	
	John M.W. Moorlach	44% ↓	57%	R	Costa Mesa	
	Mike A. Morrell	35% ↓	43%	R	Rancho Cucamonga	
	Janet Nguyen	73% ↑	67%	R	Garden Grove	
	Anthony Portantino	100% ↑	91%	D	La Cañada Flintridge	
	Richard Roth	93% ↓	97%	D	Riverside	
	Henry I. Stern	95% ↓	97%	D	Canoga Park	
	Jeff Stone	52% ↑	50%	R	Temecula	
	Scott Wilk	67% ↓	71%	R	Santa Clarita	

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	 Dante Acosta	69% ↑	66%	R	Santa Clarita	
	 Travis Allen	38% ↑	33%	R	Huntington Beach	
	 Richard Bloom	100%	100%	D	Santa Monica	
	 William P. Brough	44% ↑	39%	R	Dana Point	
	 Autumn R. Burke	100%	100%	D	Inglewood	
	 Ian C. Calderon	96% ↓	100%	D	Whittier	
	 Wendy Carrillo	100%	N/A	D	Los Angeles	
	 Sabrina Cervantes	90% ↓	94%	D	Eastvale	
	 Ed Chau	96% ↓	100%	D	Monterey Park	
	 Rocky J. Chávez	65% ↓	76%	R	Oceanside	
	 Phillip Chen	46% ↑	44%	R	Diamond Bar	
	 Steven S. Choi	46% ↓	48%	R	Irvine	
	 Tom Daly	90% ↓	94%	D	Anaheim	
	 Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher	100%	100%	D	San Diego	
	 Laura Friedman	100%	100%	D	Glendale	

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	Jesse Gabriel	98%	N/A	D	Van Nuys	
	Cristina Garcia	96% ↓	97%	D	Bell Gardens	
	Eduardo Garcia	96% ↑	94%	D	Coachella	
	Mike A. Gipson	100%	100%	D	Carson	
	Todd Gloria	100% ↑	97%	D	San Diego	
	Matthew Harper	46% ↑	36%	R	Huntington Beach	
	Chris R. Holden	98% ↓	100%	D	Pasadena	
	Jacqui Irwin	94%	94%	D	Thousand Oaks	
	Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr.	100%	100%	D	Los Angeles	
	Sydney Kamlager-Dove	90%	N/A	D	Los Angeles	
	Tom Lackey	69% ↓	70%	R	Palmdale	
	Monique Limón	98% ↑	97%	D	Goleta	
	Brian Maienschein	88% ↓	94%	R	San Diego	
	Chad Mayes	56% ↓	59%	R	Yucca Valley	
	Jose Medina	98% ↑	97%	D	Riverside	
	Melissa A. Melendez	48% ↑	38%	R	Lake Elsinore	

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ASSEMBLY

	REPRESENTATIVE	2018 SCORE	2017 SCORE	PARTY	LOCATION	RUNNING FOR REELECTION?
	 Al Muratsuchi	92% ↑	91%	D	Torrance	
	 Adrin Nazarian	98% ↑	94%	D	Los Angeles	
	 Jay Obernolte	51% ↑	47%	R	Big Bear Lake	
	 Patrick O'Donnell	90% ↓	97%	D	Long Beach	
	 Sharon Quirk-Silva	92% ↓	97%	D	Fullerton	
	 Anthony Rendon	100% ↑	94%	D	Lakewood	
	 Eloise Gómez Reyes	100% ↑	97%	D	Colton	
	 Luz M. Rivas	98%	N/A	D	Arleta	
	 Freddie Rodriguez	92% ↓	100%	D	Pomona	
	 Blanca E. Rubio	96% ↓	97%	D	Baldwin Park	
	 Miguel Santiago	98% ↓	100%	D	Los Angeles	
	 Marc Steinorth	52% ↓	59%	R	Rancho Cucamonga	
	 Randy Voepel	52% ↓	59%	R	Santee	
	 Marie Waldron	61% ↓	73%	R	Escondido	
	 Shirley N. Weber	98% ↓	100%	D	San Diego	

“FOR KIDS” LEGISLATION

Each senator and Assembly member was scored according to their votes on these 51 “For Kids” bills and one “Against Kids” bill, 32 of which were signed into law.

DIGITAL LIFE

In today's 24/7 digital world, kids need to learn to be safe and smart online. New laws should expand access to digital learning tools as well as ensure privacy and other digital protections for kids.

AB 375: Guarantees new data-privacy rights for California consumers, with extra protections for kids under 16.

AB 2448: Ensures children in foster care and in local juvenile detention facilities have access to computer technology and the internet.

AB 2511: Prohibits websites and apps that sell products that are unlawful to sell to minors, or that offer a child's name, image, or content for sale, from allowing minors to agree to terms of service on behalf of their parents.

AB 2662: Would have established a program to support research on technology's potential impact on the health and well-being of kids.

SB 327: Requires the manufacturers of certain connected devices to equip their products with reasonable security features.

SB 822: Prohibits internet service providers from charging high fees to prevent slow speeds.

SB 830: Requires the Department of Education to publish an online list of media-literacy resources, instructional materials, and professional development programs.

SB 947: Would have created an advisory committee to identify best practices for digital citizenship education.

SB 1001: Prohibits the use of misleading online “bot” accounts and requires that bots be labeled as nonhuman accounts on social media platforms.

EARLY LIFE

Investing in kids early gives them the supports they need to succeed; laws that support high-quality child care, pre-K, nutrition, and health care give kids the right start they deserve.

AB 11: Would have improved developmental screenings and services for children age 0 to 3.

AB 60: Would have streamlined applications and ensured continuity of care in CalWORKs child care programs.

AB 1754: Would have expanded access to high-quality early education programs.

AB 2001: Would have strengthened the Family Child Care Education Network's programs by clarifying and standardizing care providers' duties and responsibilities.

AB 2292: Would have increased funding for infant and toddler care programs; established a program to recruit, train, and support new family child care providers; and provided funding for start-up costs for child care facilities.

AB 2626: Gives counties the flexibility to increase access to public early childhood education and care programs.

AB 2960: Creates an online one-stop shop that connects families to early care and education resources in their communities.

SB 837: Would have created a universal pre-K program by expanding eligibility for transitional kindergarten to all 4-year-old children.

FAMILY LIFE

Laws that address poverty, support working families, and prioritize whole-child well-being are for kids and critical for the future wellness of our state.

AB 2103: Strengthens the training, safety, and proficiency requirements for concealed-carry permits.

AB 2119: Clarifies that children in foster care have the right to access gender-affirming health care and mental health care.

AB 2888: Would have allowed employers, co-workers, and school employees to request a temporary restraining order to remove firearms from someone deemed a danger to themselves or others.

AB 3129: Places a lifetime ban on gun ownership on individuals with misdemeanor domestic violence convictions.

SB 10: Abolishes California's money bail system.

SB 439: Excludes children age 11 or younger from prosecution in juvenile court.

SB 918: Requires the governor's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to take on additional responsibilities supporting homeless youth.

SB 937: Would have required employers to support breastfeeding employees by having a written lactation policy and to provide a safe and comfortable lactation space.

SB 1004: Expands effective early intervention for children, teenagers, college students, and young adults experiencing early signs of mental illness.

SB 1100: Increases the age to purchase a rifle or shotgun from 18 to 21, the same standard applied to handguns.

SB 1123: Expands paid family leave to cover time off taken due to a family member's deployment overseas as a member of the Armed Forces.

SB 1185: Would have required law enforcement agencies to report to the state when firearms in their possession are lost or stolen.

SB 1200: Improves the process for obtaining a gun violence restraining order and ensures that all firearms and firearm components can be removed when an order is issued.

SB 1346: Bans bump fire stocks, bump fire stock attachments, and similar items that increase the firing rate of semiautomatic firearms.

SB 1391: Ends the practice of transferring 14- and 15-year-old defendants into adult criminal court.

SCHOOL LIFE

High-quality education is a right, but not a reality, for all California kids. These laws support policies to make education in the state better and more equitable for kids, setting them up for career and life success.

AB 1744: Would have ensured that after-school programs are prioritized for funding from cannabis tax revenue.

AB 1747: Requires schools to develop comprehensive safety plans to prepare for and respond to violent incidents.

AB 1861: Requires schools to provide students and parents with information on how human traffickers target vulnerable children on social media and how to prevent it.

AB 1871: Ensures that lower-income public charter school students have access to nutritious free or reduced-price meals.

AB 1974: Bans school districts from taking action against a child because of an unpaid debt owed by their parent or guardian or from using a debt collector to seek repayment.

AB 2022: Requires schools to provide students and families with information on how to access mental health services.

***AB 2067:** Would have required every school to have at least one armed school resource officer on campus.

AB 2153: Would have required schools to provide training to teachers on resources to support LGBTQ students.

AB 2168: Would have provided grant funds to recruit high-quality special education instructors.

AB 2186: Would have provided grant funds for professional development for STEM educators, for STEM teacher recruitment and retention, and for providing computer science education in schools.

AB 2291: Requires that schools include policies and procedures on bullying and cyberbullying as part of their school safety plans.

AB 2514: Provides grants to schools to establish or expand English-language learner programs.

AB 2547: Would have provided grants to fund educator recruitment and training through teacher-residency programs.

AB 2601: Ensures that students in public charter schools are provided with comprehensive sexual health and STD prevention education.

AB 2657: Limits the use of behavioral restraints or seclusion on students.

AB 2691: Would have established a Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative to address the impact of adverse childhood experiences on educational outcomes.

AB 3022: Allows California high schools to grant diplomas to seniors who are on track to graduate but are deported before they're able to finish school.

AB 3043: Allows schools that participate in the federal School Breakfast Program to provide universal school breakfast.

SB 328: Would have prohibited middle and high schools from beginning their school days before 8:30 a.m.

SB 607: Would have prohibited suspension of students in grades K-5 and expulsion of students in grades K-12 for willful defiance.

**“Against Kids” legislation*

IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The last day to register is October 22, 2018.

California voter hotline: (800) 345-VOTE

Register to vote online: registertovote.ca.gov

Voting is easy. To find the polling place nearest you, visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place or contact your county election official.

Find the Assembly member and senator who represents you: findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov.

BE ELECTION-READY

1. Check that your voter registration is up to date and you are registered at your current address.
 - You can check your voter-registration status with your county elections office. You can find a list of the contact information for each county at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status.
2. If your registration is not up to date, or if you have never been registered to vote in California, you can register online.
 - Register at registertovote.ca.gov.
 - The deadline to register to vote in the November election is October 22, 2018.
3. Decide if you will vote by mail in advance or if you will vote on Election Day at the polls.
 - If you are voting by mail, also known as permanent absentee voting, make sure your ballot is postmarked by Election Day, or you can drop it off at any polling place.
 - If you are voting in person on Election Day, make sure you know your polling location. You can find your polling location at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/polling-place. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 6.

Find this guide and share it with your friends at commonsense.org/vote-for-kids-2018



Common Sense is dedicated to kids' well-being in the digital age.

Common Sense Kids Action is the advocacy arm of Common Sense, the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to helping kids thrive in today's digital world.

Common Sense empowers parents, teachers, and policymakers by providing unbiased information, trusted advice, and innovative tools to help them harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in kids' lives.

Common Sense Kids Action works with policymakers, business leaders, and advocates across the nation to ensure that all kids have the supports and opportunities they need to succeed. From early life and family life to school life and digital life, Common Sense Kids Action champions reforms that make common sense for America's kids and families.

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