

TASC 2019 Health & Justice Legislative Scorecard

For more than 40 years, health and justice have formed TASC's foundation. We are committed to building a healthy and equitable society where our clients and their families and communities can succeed and thrive. Where justice intersects with health — particularly substance use and mental health conditions — that is our work, our mission, and our passion.

The following pages present our inaugural *Health & Justice Legislative Scorecard*, which tallies state lawmaker votes on selected bills related to health and justice, especially for individuals and families impacted by contact with the criminal legal system. And below is our inaugural class of *Legislative Champions*, honored in December at our 2019 annual luncheon before 250 judges, attorneys, criminal justice reform advocates, treatment providers, and other partners. Along with Illinois' Lt. Governor, who received TASC's 2019 Justice Leadership Award, these legislators were recognized for their outstanding leadership and support for health and justice initiatives in the Illinois General Assembly.

At TASC, we stand for justice. We stand for health. We stand for fair opportunities for people to get well and be well and stay well. We thank you for standing with us.

— Pamela F. Rodriguez
TASC President & CEO

2019 Legislative Champions

On December 17, 2019, TASC presented its inaugural *Legislative Champion Award* to policymakers whose outstanding leadership and strong support have proven vital in advancing TASC's mission to build a healthier, safer, and more just society.



Hon. Mattie Hunter
Senator, 3rd District
Majority Caucus Chair



Hon. Melinda Bush
Senator, 31st District



Hon. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.
Representative, 33rd District



Hon. Tom Demmer
Representative, 90th District
Deputy Republican Leader

Our Policy Principles

TASC advocates legislation, public policies, and other initiatives that allow people and communities to pursue health and well-being without undue barriers. Our public policy work is informed by our on-the-ground experience working with thousands of people across Illinois, as well as by research and data on effective and racially and economically equitable practices in justice and healthcare.

Policymakers can advance such initiatives by approving measures that connect people to treatment while working to downsize the criminal legal system and its attendant costs and harms. Ensuring access to treatment early and often can prevent the development or worsening of substance use disorder, which may underlie legal consequences and barriers to community engagement and family unity.

To these ends, our advocacy advances:

- ◆ **Decriminalization of substance use disorder** and its symptoms
- ◆ **Diversion pathways** from the criminal/juvenile legal systems to community-based treatment and services at points throughout the systems
- ◆ **Reentry pathways** and reduced barriers to health and family/community engagement following arrest, conviction, and/or release from incarceration
- ◆ **Evidence-based behavioral healthcare** for individuals involved in or at risk for involvement in the adult/juvenile criminal legal systems and child welfare system, and for their families
- ◆ **Robust community capacity** to prevent and treat substance use and mental health conditions
- ◆ **Fairness and equity** in criminal legal system and health outcomes for marginalized, vulnerable individuals and communities, including racial/ethnic minority and low-income populations

SCORECARD METHODOLOGY

All of the bills selected for this year's scorecard are considered pro-health and justice. Each legislator's score reflects their number of yea votes relative to their total number of votes. Votes are denoted as follows: yea ("Y"), nay ("N"), present ("P"), not voting ("NV"), excused absence ("E"), or absent ("A").

Votes that were missed due to an absence ("A") or excused absence ("E") are excluded from the score calculation. Votes missed due to not voting ("NV") or present ("P") are considered abstentions and counted as a nay vote. Legislators who did not hold their seats for the full spring legislative session are excluded from the scorecard.

HONOR ROLL (80-100%)

SENATORS

AQUINO	CULLERTON, T.	HOLMES	MANAR	SANDOVAL
BELT	CUNNINGHAM	HUNTER	MARTINEZ	SIMS
BENNETT	ELLMAN	HUTCHINSON	MCGUIRE	STEANS
BERTINO-TARRANT	FINE	JONES	MORRISON	VAN PELT
BUSH	GILLESPIE	KOEHLER	MULROE	VILLIVALAM
CASTRO	GLOWIAK HILTON	LANDEK	MUÑOZ	
COLLINS	HARMON	LIGHTFORD	MURPHY	
CULLERTON, J.	HASTINGS	LINK	PETERS	

REPRESENTATIVES

AMMONS	DeLUCA	HARRIS	McCOMBIE	THAPEDI
ANDRADE	DEMME	HERNANDEZ, B.	MEYERS-MARTIN	TURNER
ARROYO	EVANS	HERNANDEZ, E.	MOELLER	VILLANUEVA
BRYANT	FEIGENHOLTZ	HOFFMAN	MORGAN	WALSH
BUCKNER	FLOWERS	HURLEY	ORTIZ	WELCH
BURKE	FORD	JONES	PARKHURST	WELTER
CARROLL	GABEL	KALISH	RAMIREZ	WEST
CASSIDY	GONG-GERSHOWITZ	KIFOWIT	RITA	WILLIAMS, A.
CONNOR	GORDON-BOOTH	LILLY	ROBINSON	WILLIS
CONROY	GREENWOOD	MAH	SLAUGHTER	ZALEWSKI
CRESPO	GUZZARDI	MANLEY	SMITH	
D'AMICO	HALPIN	MARTWICK	STAVA-MURRAY	
DAVIS	HARPER	MAYFIELD	TARVER	

BILLS IN THE SCORECARD

Legislation selected for this scorecard includes bills that impact health and justice through provisions that support opportunities for substance use treatment, recovery, and community engagement, especially for individuals and families impacted by contact with the criminal legal system. TASC supports all of these bills.

HB 5: Requires the Department of Human Services to ensure access to substance use disorder services statewide for pregnant/postpartum women, and to ensure programs are gender-responsive, trauma-informed, serve women and young children, and prioritize justice-involved pregnant and postpartum women.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Mary E. Flowers and Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins
- ◆ Vote totals: House 117-0-0 / Senate 58-0-0

HB 94: Makes individuals serving a prison sentence for an offense committed before truth-in-sentencing laws took effect (1998) eligible for good time sentence credits for successful completion of a degree or substance use or other rehabilitation programming.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Justin Slaughter and Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford
- ◆ Vote totals: House 63-52-0 / Senate 37-17-0

HB 160: Restricts the application of enhanced criminal penalties for cannabis delivery on school grounds by excluding schools that are no longer active or operational, including buildings temporarily or permanently closed by local government.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Mary E. Flowers and Sen. Christopher Belt
- ◆ Vote totals: House 61-49-0 / Senate 30-18-0

HB 2045: Prohibits the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice from charging co-pays to adults or youth in custody for medical or dental services.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Carol Ammons and Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.
- ◆ Vote totals: House 106-0-0 / Senate 45-12-0

HB 2244: Addresses certain instances when people on parole or mandatory supervised release (MSR) *unknowingly* commit violations. That is, it limits the prohibitions on frequenting places where illegal drugs are sold, shared, or used and on associating with individuals in gangs to apply only if *knowingly* done so. Also makes exceptions to prohibitions on knowingly associating with others on parole/MSR without permission or with individuals in gangs when the association involves pro-social activities with no evidence of criminal intent.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Rita Mayfield and Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.
- ◆ Vote totals: House 62-51-0 / Senate 35-17-0

HB 2444: Provides a framework for judges to consider the harm to children when making sentencing decisions about parents by allowing submission of a family impact statement as a factor in mitigation. Also allows consideration for individuals serving as caregivers of elderly and disabled relatives.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Kelly M. Cassidy and Sen. Jacqueline Y. Collins
- ◆ Vote totals: House 82-28-0 / Senate 37-15-0

HB 2649: Creates the Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents to develop and propose policies and procedures that respect and protect children and their relationships with their parents, and that support children's access to programs and services.

- ◆ Sponsors: Rep. Delia C. Ramirez and Sen. Toi W. Hutchinson
- ◆ Vote totals: House 111-0-0 / Senate 58-0-0

SB 156: Requires the Department of Corrections and Department of Innovations and Technology to establish rules or protocols that allow people in custody to access job search and career building websites prior to release.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Chuck Weaver and Rep. Rita Mayfield
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 59-0-0 / House 116-0-0

SB 1258: Requires geographic mapping and reporting of overdoses by emergency medical service responders/providers to specified local, state, and federal overdose tracking platforms, and prohibits the use of the reported overdose information in an opioid-use related criminal investigation or prosecution of the individual who was treated.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Bill Cunningham and Rep. Frances Ann Hurley
- ◆ Roll call: Senate 54-0-0 / House 115-0-0

SB 1599: Requires companies that publish or otherwise disseminate criminal history reports for profit to correct errors within five business days of notification, and for individuals harmed by a failure to do so, entitles them to damages of \$100 per day plus attorney's fees.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr. and Rep. Kambium Buckner
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 55-0-0 / House 115-0-0

SB 1744: Requires the Department of Corrections to screen individuals for Medicaid eligibility prior to release, and to provide eligible individuals Medicaid application assistance to ensure receipt of benefits as soon as possible after release.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Christopher Belt and Rep. LaToya Greenwood
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 59-0-0 / House 113-0-0

SB 1780: Makes it a civil rights violation to refuse to engage in a real estate transaction or otherwise make housing unavailable to a buyer or renter based on an arrest not leading to a finding of guilt, a juvenile record, or a criminal history record ordered expunged, sealed, or impounded.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Omar Aquino and Rep. Curtis J. Tarver, II
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 41-12-3 / House 82-32-0

SB 1828: Authorizes syringe access programs to reduce the spread of communicable diseases and facilitate linkages to evidence-based treatment. Requires the Department of Human Services to inventory and report on substance use treatment capacity, including opioid treatment medications.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Melinda Bush and Rep. Deb Conroy
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 46-3-0 / House 106-11-0

SB 1965: Creates a timely and efficient healthcare waiver application process for people with conviction records seeking employment in the healthcare industry, allowing them to receive waivers before (rather than after) receipt of a job offer, and expanding the list of organizations that can initiate a background check and request waivers.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr. and Rep. Justin Slaughter
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 54-0-0 / House 77-35-0

SB 2090: Expands voter access and education for eligible people in jails by requiring local election authorities to develop vote-by-mail systems or establish jail-based polling places (Cook County), and by requiring local jails and the Department of Corrections to provide voter registration materials and information to eligible citizens as they are released.

- ◆ Sponsors: Sen. Omar Aquino and Rep. Emanuel Chris Welch
- ◆ Vote totals: Senate 37-17-0 / House 69-45-0



SENATE ROLL CALL

	HB 0005	HB 0094	HB 0160	HB 2045	HB 2244	HB 2444	HB 2649	SB 0156	SB 1258	SB 1599	SB 1744	SB 1780	SB 1828	SB 1965	SB 2090	SCORE
Anderson	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	60%
Aquino	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Barickman	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	N	53%
Belt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Bennett	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	80%
Bertino-Tarrant	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	87%
Brady	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	N	53%
Bush	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Castro	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	80%
Collins	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Crowe	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	67%
Cullerton, T.	Y	NV	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	87%
Cullerton, J.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Cunningham	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Curran	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	NV	67%
DeWitte	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	60%
Ellman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	87%
Fine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Fowler	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	60%
Gillespie	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Glowiak Hilton	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Harmon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Harris	NV	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	73%
Hastings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Holmes	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	93%
Hunter	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hutchinson	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Jones	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Koehler	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Landek	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	80%
Lightford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	93%
Link	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Manar	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	87%
Martinez	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
McClure	Y	N	N	NV	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	53%
McConchie	Y	N	N	N	N	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	47%
McGuire	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Morrison	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	93%
Mulroe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Muñoz	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Murphy	Y	Y	NV	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	87%
Oberweis	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	Y	NV	N	40%
Peters	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Plummer	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	NV	47%
Rezin	Y	N	N	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	60%
Righter	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	N	47%
Rose	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	N	53%
Sandoval	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	NV	NV	Y	80%
Schimpf	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	73%
Sims	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Stadelman	Y	NV	NV	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	73%
Stears	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	93%
Stewart	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	N	47%
Syerson	Y	N	NV	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	47%
Tracy	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	NV	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	47%
Van Pelt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Villivalam	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Weaver	Y	N	N	N	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	P	Y	Y	N	53%
Wilcox	Y	N	N	N	N	NV	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	NV	Y	N	47%

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TASC advances health and justice, increases public safety, and saves taxpayer dollars by diverting eligible individuals out of costly public systems and into substance use treatment and other services in the community. Our array of services includes screening, assessment, client advocacy, linkage to care, treatment, recovery support, and TASC specialized case management. We support clients and achieve success in collaboration with community-based service providers, attorneys, courts, jails, prisons, probation, parole, youth and family service systems, and several state agencies.

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