

# ★ DELAWARE COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

## Delaware Legislative Score Card

The Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence formed in January 2013 after the tragedy in Sandy Hook, where 20 young children and six adults were murdered. This tragedy destroyed so many innocent lives with so much potential, creating unspeakable pain – all because of one man with easy access to an arsenal of deadly weapons. Too often we shake our heads and move on. We must remember every life lost, every bit of potential those lives had, and ask ourselves if we could have done more to save them. This issue is not just about mass shootings, but every shooting in our homes, neighborhoods and streets.

### OUR MISSION

Our statewide coalition of parents, teachers, clergy, grandparents, doctors, nurses, friends, gun owners and like-minded groups and individuals is united to:

- Safeguard our citizens and communities.
- Address the root causes of gun violence.
- Promote sensible laws to reduce gun violence in our homes and communities.

### BILL SUMMARIES

*(The legislative scorecard grades are based on legislator support and backing for the following bills.)*

**HB 217:** Mandates that law enforcement enter ballistic data relating to violent crime into a national database.

**HB 325:** This bill closes a loophole to our gun background check laws. The current loophole allows for guns to be given to a potential purchaser if the background check is delayed for 3 days or more. In some cases a gun is given to a person who should not be in possession of a firearm. This leads to law enforcement having to retrieve a gun from a person prohibited if the background check provides that a person should not have a gun.

**SB 83:** This Act makes several changes to Title 10 and Title 11 of the Delaware Code relating to domestic violence. First, this Act amends § 1045, Title 10 relating domestic violence protective orders to clarify the procedures related to the disposition of firearms in the possession of a respondent. Second, this Act amends § 1448(a)(6), Title 11 to provide that any person who is prohibited from purchasing, owning, possessing, or controlling a deadly weapon because the person is subject to a Family Court protection from abuse order is so prohibited immediately upon the entry of the protection from abuse order from purchasing or otherwise obtaining, and within 24 hours of personal service of the order, from owning, possessing, or controlling any deadly weapon. Third, this Act expands the definition of the term “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence” in § 1448(a)(7), Title 11 to include substantive dating relationships and people who have cohabited at the time of the offense or within 5 years prior to the offense. Finally, this Act amends Chapter 39, Title 11 to require that the court indicate on the record of conviction of certain, specified offenses whether the offense was a “misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.”

District	Senator	Score
1	McDowell, Harris (D)	A
2	Henry, Margaret (D)	A
3	Marshall, Robert (D)	A
4	Lavelle, Gregory [R]	D
5	Cloutier, Catherine [R]	A
6	Lopez, Ernesto [R]	B
7	Blevins, Patricia (D)	A
8	Sokola, David (D)	A
9	Peterson, Karen (D)	A
10	Hall-Long, Bethany (D)	A
11	Townsend, Bryan (D)	A
12	Poore, Nicole (D)	A
13	McBride, David (D)	A
14	Ennis, Bruce (D)	D
15	Lawson, David [R]	F
16	Bonini, Colin [R]	B
17	Bushweller, Brian (D)	A
18	Simpson, Gary [R]	B
19	Pettyjohn, Brian [R]	D
20	Hocker, Gerald [R]	D
21	Richardson, Bryant [R]	D

The Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence's (DeCAGV) mission is to help safeguard our citizens and communities. Our goal is to prevent gun violence in Delaware by promoting sensible gun laws and addressing the root causes of gun violence.

Our statewide coalition of parents, teachers, clergy, grandparents, nurses, friends, gun owners, and like-minded groups and institutions is united to achieve this mission.

Together, we will forge a large and strong public voice of Delawareans working to reduce gun violence.

District	Representative	Score
1	Potter (D)	A
2	Bolden (D)	A
3	Keeley (D)	A
4	Brady (D)	B
5	M Smith (D)	A
6	Heffernan (D)	A
7	B Short (D)	A
8	Q Johnson (D)	A
9	Hensley [R]	B
10	Matthews (D)	A
11	Spiegelman [R]	D
12	Hudson [R]	C
13	Mitchell (D)	A
14	Schwartzkopf (D)	A
15	Longhurst (D)	A
16	J Johnson (D)	A
17	Mulrooney (D)	C
18	Bentz (D)	A
19	Williams (D)	A
20	Smyk [R]	D
21	Ramone [R]	B
22	Miro [R]	B
23	Baumbach (D)	A
24	Osienski (D)	A
25	Kowalko (D)	A
26	Viola (D)	A
27	Jaques (D)	A
28	Carson (D)	D
29	Paradee (D)	B
30	Outten [R]	D
31	Lynn (D)	A
32	Bennett (D)	B
33	Peterman [R]	C
34	Yearick [R]	D
35	Wilson [R]	D
36	Kenton [R]	D
37	Briggs King [R]	D
38	Gray [R]	D
39	D Short [R]	B
40	Dukes [R]	F
41	Collins [R]	D