ALEC 1995 MODEL LEGISLATION SCORECARD

The ALEC Agenda is America's Agenda!

The legislative sessions of 1995 were by far the most successful in ALEC's history. The number of ALEC bills introduced jumped from 693 in 1993—the year with the latest available figures—to 978 this year; the number of ALEC bills enacted increased from 99 to 231 during the same two-year period, a success rate of about 23 percent!

At least one piece of model legislation was introduced in every state.* Eight states introduced more than 30, and Illinois led the way with 52 introductions. At least one bill passed in every state except Rhode Island and Kentucky, which introduced only one bill. No other state introduced less than five bills.

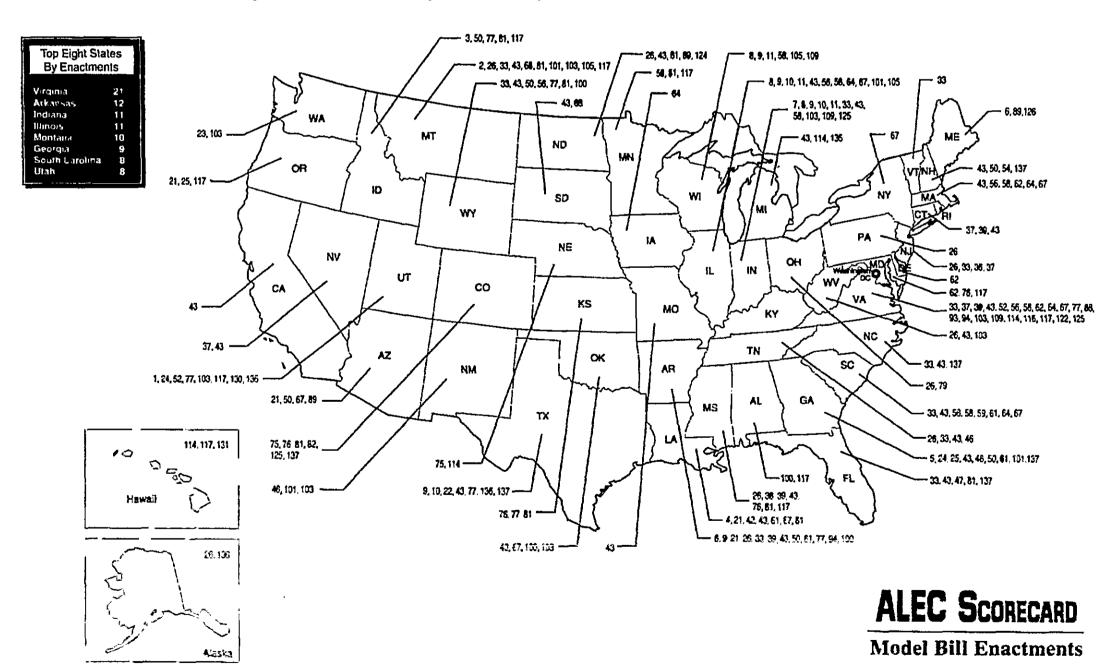
The busiest Task Force was Criminal Justice, which had 199 bills introduced. The anti-crime legislation that had the most enactments was the *Truth in Sentencing Act*, which became law in 25 states. It was introduced 34 times and no other ALEC bill recorded as many enactments. The second busiest was Health Care, with 165 introductions; Empowerment was next with 156 introductions.

Other ALEC bills that were enacted in double figures include: the Habitual Offender/Three Strikes Act (11 enactments), Private Property Protection Act (10) and the Nationwide Interstate Banking Act (10). Two bills — the DNA Profiling Act and the Minors on Welfare Residency Act — were en-

acted in nine states. The Medical Savings Account Act was enacted in eight states, which is remarkable progress for one of the most important innovations in free market health care reform today.

The most active states were Illinois with 52 introductions and California with 41, followed by Hawaii with 38 and New York with 37.

The success rate was remarkably high in Indiana, where 11 of 23 ALEC bills introduced were enacted, and in Montana, where 10 of the 14 bills introduced were made law. Virginia recorded an incredibly high rate of success — 29 introduced, 21 enacted — as did Arkansas — 20 introduced, 12 enacted. Idaho was the only state batting 1.000. It enacted all five ALEC bills introduced there. But North Dakota followed closely with seven introductions and five enactments.



*Kentucky not in session

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