



# Sam Watford

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HD-080

Republican

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This legislator voted constitutionally on **67%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      **Vote**

**1. S49 Parents' Bill of Rights** (passed 72 to 47 on 8/16/2023). **Yes**  
Establishes a Parents' Bill of Rights enumerating certain rights of parents related to the education, health, privacy, and safety of their child.

**2. H721 Restoring Sound Money** (passed 73 to 40 on 6/28/2023). **Yes**  
Would require the State Treasurer to conduct a study on the creation of a North Carolina Bullion Depository for storing certain investment metals, such as gold, and virtual currency, such as Bitcoin.

**3. S20 Abortion Restrictions** (passed 72 to 48 on 5/16/2023). **Yes**  
Restricts abortion after 12 weeks of a woman's pregnancy, rather than 20 weeks, except in cases of rape or incest, a life-limiting anomaly, or a medical emergency.

**4. H235 Article V Convention** (passed 61 to 55 on 3/8/2023). **Yes**  
Would apply to Congress for a "convention of the states" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution.

**5. H50 Pistol Purchase Permit Repeal** (passed 67 to 48 on 2/22/2023). **Yes**  
Would repeal the requirement to obtain a pistol purchase permit from the sheriff prior to the purchase or receipt of a pistol.

**6. H76 Expanding Government Healthcare** (passed 92 to 22 on 2/16/2023). **Yes**  
Provides Medicaid coverage through NC Health Works to adults aged 18-64 with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level, while authorizing increased Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals.



NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE

# SCORECARD

BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**Rep. Sam Watford**

**Lifetime Score: 50%**

**NC Scorecard 2023**

**2023 Regular Session Score 67%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Parents' Bill of Rights

S49 establishes a Parents' Bill of Rights enumerating certain rights of parents related to the education, health, privacy, and safety of their child.

The upbringing, care, and control of children belongs to—and is a fundamental right of—parents, not the government. Parental rights, as with all other fundamental rights, are protected by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## 2. Restoring Sound Money

H721 would require the State Treasurer to conduct a study on the creation of a North Carolina Bullion Depository for storing certain investment metals, such as gold, and virtual currency, such as Bitcoin.

This bill would help restore sound money and enforce the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions. According to Article 1, Section 10, of the Constitution, "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." States can and must act now to protect Americans' financial freedom and privacy by both ending the Federal Reserve's unconstitutional monopoly on money and thwarting the federal government's tyrannical plans to impose a Central Bank Digital Currency.

## 3. Abortion Restrictions

S20 restricts abortion after 12 weeks of a woman's pregnancy, rather than 20 weeks, except in cases of rape or incest, a life-limiting anomaly, or a medical emergency.

North Carolina should act to ban the practice of abortion entirely and secure the right to life for all persons. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## 4. Article V Convention

H235 would apply to Congress for a "convention of the states" under Article V of the U.S. Constitution "limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress."

Efforts to call an Article V convention should be resisted. The States should act immediately to nullify all unconstitutional federal laws, rather than risk a constitutional convention. Article V of the U.S. Constitution was designed to correct potential errors or defects in the Constitution, not the failure of elected officials to uphold their oath of office.

## 5. Pistol Purchase Permit Repeal

H50 would repeal the requirement to obtain a pistol purchase permit from the sheriff prior to the purchase or receipt of a pistol.

This stand-alone bill would have simply removed the state's blatantly unconstitutional pistol purchase permit requirement. The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees that the right of the American people "to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

## 6. Expanding Government Healthcare

H76 provides Medicaid coverage through NC Health Works to adults aged 18-64 with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty level, while authorizing increased Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals.

Neither healthcare nor social welfare is the legitimate object of government. Medicaid, like other so-called 'entitlement programs,' not only causes more debt, poverty, and government dependency in the United States, but continues the anti-constitutional and discriminatory act of income-based taxpayer theft, which deprives hardworking American citizens of their right to the wages they have earned. The Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment were intended to safeguard against undue disparagements of a person's "property" and provide "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans.