

# 2025-26 Mass Scorecard for State Sen. Bruce Tarr



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The Platform Committee weakened the party platform because they believe that attracts voters. Progressive Democrats disagree: we attract voters by having strong & clear progressive values, and asking legislators to vote based on those values.

The Massachusetts Democratic Party Charter says, “The most recent Democratic platform...is the official position of the Democratic Party.... every official elected shall adhere to the...platform. Failure to do so...may be publicized by...action of any Party convention.”

The platform MATTERS because we can hold our legislators accountable to it! Here’s how one legislator compares to the Party Platform....

Fundamental Issue in MassDems' Party Platform: “Massachusetts Democrats will fight for...” (Click for full text of platform section)	Summary of related issue put to vote (Click for House Journal references)	This Senator's vote on this issue	Party platform on this issue
EDUCATION: <a href="#">page 10 clause 1</a> : "Public education that is fully funded and free to all"	Feb. 27, 2025: Fix the chapter 70 inflation adjustment to increase state funding of schools ( <a href="#">S.388</a> Senate: 22 co-sponsors; H.678 House: 33 co-sponsors)	TARR: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE <a href="#">page 12 clause 2</a> : "necessary steps to protect our air, water, forests, farmland, and food, and expanding our access to open space"	Feb. 27, 2025: Funds for improving and conserving natural and working lands ( <a href="#">S.597</a> Senate: 15 co-sponsors; H.901 House: 53 co-sponsors)	TARR: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: <a href="#">page 12 clause 10</a> : "Safe, reliable, accessible, equitable transportation solutions... and a sustainable public transit system"	April 16, 2025: Allocate \$828 million from the 'Millionaire's Tax' to transportation projects and MBTA? ( <a href="#">H.4227</a> Senate rollcall 52 passed 40-0-0 plus H.4005 House rollcall 29 passed 140-14-6)	TARR: YES	Platform: YES
RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL RIGHTS: <a href="#">page 14 clause 12</a> : "The protection and promotion of equal rights for all LGBTQ+ people... and advocating for greater protections in the workplace, education, housing, healthcare, and criminal justice"	Nov 3, 2005: Should transgender care be protected from disclosure? ( <a href="#">S.2543</a> Senate rollcall 68 passed 37-3-0, plus S.2538 House rollcall 72 passed 132-24-4)	TARR: YES	Platform: YES
ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: <a href="#">page 15 clause 14</a> : "All Committee votes in the Legislature to be made public by providing a list of those legislators voting yes and those legislators voting no"	Feb. 12, 2025: Record all Rollcall votes; 2 days to review bills & other previews? ( <a href="#">S.15</a> Senate Amendment #13 and #15 failed 6-32-2; Senate Amendment #22 failed 9-29-21; H.2026 House rollcall 13/14/20/22, all failed 23-128-7)	TARR: YES	Platform: YES
HEALTHCARE: <a href="#">page 16 clause 9</a> : "Using the revenue generated by legalized marijuana to help fund proven opioid prevention and recovery services"	June 4, 2025: Should the cannabis industry expand responsibly? ( <a href="#">H.4206</a> Senate rollcall 116 passed 30-7-3 plus H.4187 House rollcall 55 passed 153-0-6)	TARR: NO	Platform: YES
CRIMINAL LEGAL REFORM: Platform <a href="#">page 21 clause 2</a> : "Ban on ghost guns and 3D-printed guns"	July 18, 2024: Ban 3D-printed guns and semiautomatic weapons ( <a href="#">H.4885</a> Senate rollcall 208 passed 35-5-0; H.4885 House rollcall 135 passed 124-33-3; 2025 repeal bill S.1509/H.2713 appears on Nov. 2026 ballot)	TARR: NO	Platform: YES
PUBLIC SAFETY: Platform <a href="#">page 22 clause 25</a> : "The elimination of qualified immunity protections for police officers"	Feb. 27, 2025: Penalize as harassment if approaching police within 25 feet ( <a href="#">H.2057</a> HALO Act, House & Senate: 23 co-sponsors). Sponsoring this bill scores in the negative (but lack of sponsorship has no score).	TARR: SPONSOR	Platform: NO
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND JUSTICE: <a href="#">page 23 clause 2</a> : "An end to racial disparities in reproductive health and pregnancy care"	Feb. 27, 2025: Reducing disparities in health outcomes in marginalized groups ( <a href="#">S.901</a> Senate: 19 co-sponsors; H.1416 House: 34 co-sponsors).	TARR: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
VOTING AND DEMOCRACY: <a href="#">page 26 clause 3</a> : "Same-day voter registration and automatic voter registration"	Feb. 27, 2025: Same-day voter registration and automatic voter registration ( <a href="#">S.505</a> Senate: 20 co-sponsors; H.834 House: 24 co-sponsors).	TARR: SPONSOR	Platform: YES
Party Charter <a href="#">Article 2, section VII, clause (b)</a> : “Members of Democratic town and ward committees may be removed for...publicly endorsing or supporting any candidate whose announced intention is to oppose the nominee of the Democratic Party”	<a href="#">2024-2026</a> : No Political Donations.	TARR: NO DONATION	Platform: NO TO GOP
<b>Number of votes in 2025-26 in accord with Democratic Party Platform:</b>		<b>7 out of 10 votes.</b>	
<b>Summary letter grade:</b> A=90% or better; B=80%; C=70%; D=60%; F=below 60%		<b>C-</b>	