

# Sen. Johnny Isakson

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## Sen. Isakson's Key Votes for Children

- **voted for [H.R.1628](#)**, the American Health Care Act, which would have repealed Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, repealed the individual and employer health care mandates, and otherwise modified the private health insurance market. This bill, which ultimately failed, would have led to 23 million more Americans without health insurance by 2026.
- **voted for [H.R.1](#)**, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided for tax cuts that disproportionately favor wealthy individuals and corporations. The bill is projected to add \$1.5 trillion to the national debt over ten years, which could lead to future cuts to important social safety net programs. The bill also repeals the individual health insurance mandate established under the Affordable Care Act, jeopardizing health insurance coverage for millions of people.
- **voted for [H.R.1892](#)**, the Bipartisan Budget Act, which extended CHIP for four additional years, funded a home visiting program for new mothers, funded community health centers, and modified funding and eligibility requirements for foster care prevention services.
- **did not vote on [H.R.1370](#)**, the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, which extended funding for the government by four weeks and retroactively funded CHIP for the first half of fiscal year 2018.
- **voted for the [confirmation of Betsy DeVos](#)** as Secretary of Education, which CDF opposed due to concerns about DeVos's experience and her demonstrated opposition to robust enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Title IX.
- **voted for the [confirmation of Jeff Sessions](#)** as Attorney General, which CDF opposed due to concerns about Sessions's poor record on civil rights and criminal justice.
- **did not vote on [H.J.RES.57](#)**, the resolution that nullified a Department of Education rule providing for federal standards for states implementing plans to meet the needs of historically marginalized groups under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

## NOTE

Bills rated positive appear in **GREEN**, while negative bills appear in **RED**.

## District Snapshot

25.4% live in poverty

32.4% live in households below 185% of the poverty line

15.3% live in households receiving SNAP

23.2% are facing food insecurity

6.5% lack health insurance

Sources: 2016 Annual Community Survey; US Dept. of Agriculture

## Additional Member Info

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### Committees:

Finance

Foreign Relations

Health, Education, Labor, and

Pensions

Veterans' Affairs

## Sen. Isakson's Actions in CDF's Core Policy Areas

### Isakson on Health Care

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- **co-sponsored [S.428](#)**, the ACE Kids Act, which would authorize states to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through enhanced pediatric health homes.
- **co-sponsored [S.1827](#)**, the KIDS Act, which would extend CHIP funding for five years.
- **co-sponsored [S.1859](#)**, the Healthcare Tax Relief Act, which would extend the moratorium on the annual fee on health insurance providers.
- **co-sponsored [S.2507](#)**, the Improving Choices in Health Care Act, which would allow for the sale of short-term, renewable, less-than-12-month insurance plans that provide bare bones coverage. Often these plans are purchased by low-income individuals who are unaware that the benefits offered by the plan are extremely limited.

### Isakson on Fighting Poverty

- **voted for [H.CON.RES.71](#)**, the 2018 congressional budget resolution, which established the budget for fiscal year 2018. This resolution included reconciliation instructions which allowed for the eventual passage of H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, with a simple majority in the Senate.
- **voted for [H.R.1](#)**, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which provided for tax cuts that disproportionately favor wealthy individuals and corporations. The bill is projected to add \$1.5 trillion to the national debt over ten years, which could lead to future cuts to important social safety net programs. The bill also repeals the individual health insurance mandate established under the Affordable Care Act, jeopardizing health insurance coverage for millions of people.

### Isakson on Child Welfare

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Child Welfare. To learn more visit [www.isakson.senate.gov](http://www.isakson.senate.gov) or call this member's office at 202-224-3643.

### Isakson on PreK-12 Education

- **did not vote on [H.J.RES.57](#)**, the resolution that nullified a Department of Education rule providing for federal standards for states implementing plans to meet the needs of historically marginalized groups under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
- **voted for the [confirmation of Betsy DeVos](#)** as Secretary of Education, which CDF opposed due to concerns about DeVos's experience and her demonstrated opposition to robust enforcement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Title IX.
- **co-sponsored [S.2513](#)**, the School Safety and Mental Health Services Improvement Act, which would provide for grants to schools for improved security measures, improved mental health training for school employees, and technical assistance for programs designed to improve mental health care for children.

### Isakson on Juvenile Justice

- voted for the [confirmation of Jeff Sessions](#) as Attorney General, which CDF opposed due to concerns about Sessions's poor record on civil rights and criminal justice.

#### **Isakson on Gun Reform**

- We couldn't find any action this member has taken on Guns. To learn more visit [www.isakson.senate.gov](http://www.isakson.senate.gov) or call this member's office at 202-224-3643.

#### **Isakson on Nutrition**

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#### **Isakson on Early Childhood**

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#### **Isakson on Housing**

- **co-sponsored S.548**, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, which would increase state credit allocations and make several adjustments to the low-income housing tax credit.