

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda--underwritten by global corporations--includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

ALEC's Corporate Board --in recent past or present

- AT&T Services, Inc.
 - centerpoint360
 - UPS
 - Bayer Corporation
 - GlaxoSmithKline
 - Energy Future Holdings
 - Johnson & Johnson
 - Coca-Cola Company
 - PhRMA
 - Kraft Foods, Inc.
 - Coca-Cola Co.
 - Pfizer Inc.
 - Reed Elsevier, Inc.
 - DIAGEO
 - Peabody Energy
 - Intuit, Inc.
 - Koch Industries, Inc.
 - ExxonMobil
 - Verizon
 - Reynolds American Inc.
 - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
 - Salt River Project
 - Altria Client Services, Inc.
 - American Bail Coalition
 - State Farm Insurance
- For more on these corporations, search at www.**SourceWatch.org**.

MEETINGS

DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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Judicial Sentencing Disclosure Act

Summary

This Act would require that the clerk of every district court maintain a complete public record of each judge's sentencing history, available for inspection by the public during normal working hours.

Model Legislation

{Title, enacting clause, etc.}

Section 1. {Title.} This Act may be cited as the Judicial Sentencing Disclosure Act.

Section 2. {Record of criminal sentences.} The clerk of the district court shall maintain a register listing under the name of each judge all criminal convictions over which the judge has presided, in chronological order beginning on or after [a certain date], to include the following information:

- (A) the name of the case;
- (B) the charges against the defendant;
- (C) the charges of which the defendant was convicted;
- (D) the sentence handed down by the judge; and
- (E) the date the sentence was handed down.

Section 3. {Public record.} The register shall be a public record of the state and shall be available for inspection at the office of the clerk during regular office hours and at such other times as may be provided by law.

Section 4. {Severability clause.}

Section 5. {Repealer clause.}

Section 6. {Effective date.}

ALEC's Sourcebook of American State Legislation 1995

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill requires that courts maintain a record of a judge's sentencing that will be subjected to public scrutiny. This will incentivize judges to increase sentences, regardless of whether they are justified, so that their "numbers" don't make them appear soft-on-crime (especially likely if judges are elected). Judicial sentencing is far more complex than can be captured through "numbers." Evidence suggests that longer sentences do little to improve long-term public safety and often do not help a person become rehabilitated. Creative alternatives to incarceration will not be reflected in a judge's "numbers." Incarcerating a person is also very expensive for taxpayers. Incarceration does, however, increase the profits of the Corrections Corporation of America, a member of the Executive Committee of ALEC's Public Safety & Elections Task Force.