

Key votes from American Conservative Union scorecards:

Dugan was one of only four state senators to vote against HB 217, a bill expanding the cap on private school scholarships: This bill increases from \$58 million to \$150 million per year the cap on tax credits available to individuals and companies that donate to private school student scholarship organizations. ACU supports school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2017 by a vote 48-4. ([American Conservative Union 2017 Georgia State Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted against an amendment to HB 338 which would have allowed the creation of school choice Education Savings Accounts: The Senate had the opportunity to vote on an amendment to HB 338 that would have created Education Savings Accounts giving parents the power to use their children's state education dollars on a variety of educational options, including tuition and fees, textbooks, virtual schooling, special education therapies and tutoring. DID NOT PASS – Senate vote #23. ([Georgia Center for Opportunity 2017 Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted against SB 601, a bill creating school choice scholarship accounts: This bill establishes “Promise Scholarship Accounts” that contain funds (\$6,000 per school year) that parents can use to help fund their efforts to educate their children. CPAC believes that parents should direct the upbringing of their children, supports efforts to give them the means to better do so, and supported this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on March 15, 2022 by a vote of 20-29. ([American Conservative Union 2022 Georgia State Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted for HB 170, a gas tax increase that pegged future increases to inflation and allowed higher local sales taxes: This bill raises the gas tax and provides for an annual automatic increase in the tax based on the rate of inflation to pay for “the full universe” of transportation projects, including rail projects. The bill also allows localities to increase local sales taxes to pay for increased spending. ACU opposes using gas taxes for non-highway projects and opposes increasing taxes without taxpayer accountability and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 31, 2015 by a vote of 42-12. ([American Conservative Union 2015 Georgia State Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted for an amendment to HB 213 which allowed a 50% increase in a local transportation sales tax: A substitute amendment to a Metropolitan Rapid Transit (MARTA) bill allows Clayton, Fulton and DeKalb Counties in the Atlanta metro area to propose a 50 percent increase in the MARTA sales tax from 1 % to 1.5%. ACU opposes including a tax increase in a bill designed to ease regulations on how transportation money is spent and opposed the amendment. The Senate passed the amendment on March 31, 2015 by a vote of 29-20. ([American Conservative Union 2015 Georgia State Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted for HB 434, a bill making it easier for government to dispose of “blighted” property taken under eminent domain without putting it to public use: This bill reduces

from 20 years to 5 years the amount of time a municipality must hold a property seized under eminent domain as a “blighted property” before the municipality can use it for something other than public use, such as selling it to a developer. ACU Foundation’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights engages heavily on this issue; therefore, ACU opposes the use of eminent domain for anything other than public use and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 30, 2017 by a vote of 40-7. ([American Conservative Union 2017 Georgia State Scorecard](#))

Dugan voted against HB 411, a bill creating a commission to go after abusive prosecutors, such as the lawless ones backed by George Soros: This bill strengthens government accountability by establishing a “Prosecuting Attorneys Oversight Commission.” The commission is tasked with investigating the actions of district attorneys and solicitors-general and disciplining and removing those who have committed willful misconduct or abused their office. The commission is made up of eight members confirmed by the senate, and the bill establishes multiple guidelines to ensure proper administration of justice. The bill is partially in response to a botched investigation into the shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, as well as George Soros funded-efforts to insert lawless prosecutors into the justice system. ACUF’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and responsibly reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports strengthening government oversight and accountability to improve public safety and supported this bill. The Senate failed to advance the bill on March 29, 2021 by a vote of 13-23. ([American Conservative Union 2021 Georgia State Scorecard](#))