# Representative Glenn Cordelli

### Carroll District 7

## Legislative Biography



NH Rep. Glenn Cordelli is a Representative in the New Hampshire General Court who represents New Hampshire House Carroll 07 - Floterial District and received 56.2% of the vote in his last election. He is the Ranking Member of the Education committee, and a member of the Improvement and Assessment Program and Education Freedom Savings Account committees.

He works most frequently on Education (201 bills), Law (92 bills), Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues (66 bills), Health (60 bills), and Economics and Public Finance (60 bills). He has sponsored 86 bills in his last thirteen year(s)

in office, voting with his party 83.0% of the time, getting 70.93% of his bills out of committee, and 19.77% of his sponsored bills enacted.

Rep. Cordelli most frequently works on legislation with Rick Ladd (R-NH-46) (98 bills), Ruth Ward (R-NH-8) (55 bills), and Ralph Boehm (R-NH-73) (45 bills). He most frequently votes with Robert Wherry (R-NH-72) (83.02%), Rick Ladd (R-NH-46) (82.73%), and Clayton Wood (R-NH-117) (82.27%).

Before entering politics, Rep. Cordelli was involved in business.

#### <u>About</u>

Assumed Office - 2012 Next Election - 2024 Residence - Tuftonboro, NH Term - 6th term

#### **Previous Experience**

House Assistant Minority Leader, NH Office of the NH House Assistant Minority Leader 2020 Deacon and head of the Stewardship Committee, Melvin Village Community Church Member, Tuftonboro Association Information Technology

[Quorum Biography, <u>Accessed 1/18/2024</u>]

Activity	Description	Category	Role
HB 440	Relative to the uses of education trust fund	Anti-Labor	Sponsor and Voted Yea
HB 367	Relative to eligibility of students in the education freedom account program	Anti-Labor	Voted Yea
HB 607	Local ESAs	Anti-Labor	Sponsor
SB 61	Right-To-Work	Anti-Labor	Voted Yea
SB 272	Establishing the Parental Bill of Rights.	Culture Wars	Voted Nay to Indefinitely Postpone
HB 619	Attacks on LGTBQIA+ Student & Teachers	Culture Wars	Voted Yea
HB 10	Establishing the Parental Bill of Rights.	Culture Wars	Voted Yea
HB 514	Relative to the dissemination of obscene material by schools and institutions of higher learning.	Culture Wars	Voted Nay to Table
HB 1473	Voter Attacks/"Forensic Audit"	Voter Suppression	Voted Nay to Table
SB 418	Voter ID	Voter Suppression	Voted Yea

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#### Other

**Representative Glenn Cordelli sponsored a book banning bill.** In 2023, Rep. Cordelli sponsored HB 514 to remove staff and teachers in K-12 schools from exemptions to state obscenity laws, potentially requiring school officials to remove books proactively or face misdemeanor charges and requiring schools to create procedures for parents to challenge materials they think are inappropriate. Opponents of the bill said those procedures already exist, and the bill would allow parents to ban books and other materials from school libraries and classrooms. NH HB 514 died on the table when the session ended. [NH HB 514, died on table, 10/26/2023; NH HB 371, WMUR, 2/8/2023; Seacoast Online, 2/21/2023]

New Hampshire Representative Glenn Cordelli sponsored legislation to remove the

**constitutional ban on tax dollars for religious schools.** In 2023, Rep. Cordelli sponsored CACR 7 to repeal the section of the New Hampshire Constitution that says, "no money raised by taxation shall ever be granted or applied for the use of the schools of institutions of any religious sect or denomination." Cordelli said, "There can be no excuse not to repeal this remnant of anti-religious bigotry. The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken, and it's now time for us to speak." Cordelli referenced *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue,* as summarized by the ACLU, "Where the Supreme Court ruled that the state of Montana must provide funding for religious education as part of its school voucher tax credit program, despite the fact that the Montana Constitution forbids government aid for religious education and activities." The Establishment Clause of the First Amendment was added to the US Constitution to separate church and state; as James Madison, the architect of the First Amendment, explained, even "three pence" in compelled aid to religion was too much of a threat to religious liberty." NH CACR 7 failed to reach the three-fifths majority needed to change the state constitution in a 192-191 vote. [NH CACR 7, Ought to Pass: Motion Failed, 3/22/2023; WMUR, 2/27/2023; WMUR, 3/22/2023; ACLU; 6/30/2023]