

Michael Cardin

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

University of Connecticut
Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree 1991 to 1994
Eastern Connecticut State University 1988 to 1991

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

State Representative for the 53rd Assembly District

1995 to Present

Elected State Representative for the 53rd Assembly district in November 1994
Introduced 89 pieces of legislation and co-sponsored 109 additional pieces of legislation
Key issues: Elementary and Higher Education, Health-care and Tax Relief
Currently serves as House Chair of the Appropriations sub-committee on Transportation
Currently serves as Chair of the Select Committee for Children
Current member of the Education and Internship Committees

1998 to Present

Tolland Middle School (2005 to present)
Tolland High School (2003 to 2005)
Grandby Memorial High School (1998 to 2003)
Gets students involved through fieldwork for Presidential Primaries
Tolland Town Council Member

1991 to 1995

Served as liaison to the Board of Education, Library and Youth Service boards
Fought for "No Tax Increase" budgets
Introduced ordinances to protect the health, safety and welfare of the patrons of Adult establishments, and the health, safety and welfare of the Town's citizens with regard to Adult businesses operating in Tolland.
Served as Intern to the Connecticut General Assembly State Representatives Pelto and Duffy

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Secured increased funding for the Northeast Connecticut Visitors district to increase tourism and state revenue – 1995
Fought a successful battle for increases in Operating Budgets and Scholarship programs for higher education – 1997
Connecticut Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year – 1997
Worked to pass legislation requiring department store clerks who sell guns, be trained and certified to sell firearms– 1998
Worked to pass legislation restricting the sale and use of laser pointers – 1999
Worked to reduce the cost of higher education to Connecticut college students by passing legislation to eliminate sales tax on college textbooks – 2000
Worked to pass legislation requiring certification of Emergency Medical Personnel – 2001
Fought hard against the state's proposed budget. In addition the budget called for the elimination of the Connecticut Historical Commission. This cut was reversed – 2002
Worked to legislate reformed procedures for reviewing contracts and contract awards – 2003
Continuing efforts to strengthen ethics requirements for governmental employees, was instrumental in passing legislation outlining the disclosure of finances and gifts of state contractors – 2004

Focused efforts to pass multiple pieces of legislation relating to the environment, such as clean cars, alternative fuels, reduction of green-house gasses and preservation of family farms – 2004

Passage of school nutrition legislation (vetoed by Governor), passage of bond money for restoration of "Genius of Connecticut", increased aid for small town aid to road program, preservation of farmlands, ConnPACE (prescription drug program for Seniors) and Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) - 2005

Passage of soda ban in all schools, increased state aid for local school lunch/nutrition program increased state aid for Special Education aid for towns, supported bio diesel legislation to promote clean air for school children on diesel busses, passage of 10 year prevention plan in children's budgeting at state level - 2006