

## **State Senator Gary Daniels**

### **New Hampshire Senate District 11**



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#### **Summary**

**Legislative Biography**

**Years Served in the Senate:** 2015-16, 2017-18 (Current)

**Years Served in the House:** 18 Years; 1990-2000, 2006-2014

**2017-18 Legislative Priorities:** Improving the economy, cutting taxes and removing undue burdens on businesses to enable job creation. Also, working to enhance educational opportunities, and working towards a state solution to health care.

**Profession:** Independent insurance agent and a certified long-term care specialist

**Military Service:** Veteran, US Army, New Hampshire National Guard and US Army Reserves

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Management Information System, New Hampshire College

**Professional & Community Affiliations:** Senator Daniels is also serving his 14th year on the Milford Board of Selectmen, currently as chair. In addition he served on the Milford School Board for six years and as School District Moderator for six years

**Family:** Senator Daniels is married to his wife Loreen and they have six children

[Legislative Biography, [Accessed 10/11/2018](#)]

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#### ALEC membership/ties

Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Member, 2011

ALEC Board of Directors Member as of 2018

Signed ALEC letter in September 2014 to Google about CEO Eric Schmidt's comments about ALEC's position on climate change

Signed ALEC letter in 2013 to Senator Dick Durbin re: Durbin's request to identify ALEC's funders

Signed on to ALEC SALT Letter to Congress in October 2016

ALEC New Hampshire State Co-chair, 2018

Attended ALEC's 45th annual conference in New Orleans, 2018

[Signed Confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh ALEC Letter 2018](#)

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#### ALEC model legislation authored/sponsored

SB 420	Public Employee Bargaining Transparency Act	Nearly identical to ALEC template	Sponsored
SB 11 (2017)	Right to Work Act	Nearly identical to ALEC template	Sponsored
SB 193 (2017)	Parental Choice Scholarship Program Act	Fund grants for students attending private and religious schools	Voted in favor
HB 329 (2011)	Parental Consent for Abortion Act	Requires written parental consent for a minor to receive an abortion	Voted in favor
HB 519 (2011)	State Withdrawal from Regional Climate Initiatives	Repeal state's regional greenhouse gas initiative cap and trade program	Voted in favor

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Gary Daniels sponsored SB 420 which would have subjected collective bargaining negotiations to the state's open public meetings laws. The bill would also have included strategy meetings related to collective bargaining strategy where both parties are present in the definition of a public meeting. Cordell Johnston of the New Hampshire Municipal Association stated that the bill would inhibit the ability of the parties to be candid with each other; each side would merely play to their respective audiences. New Hampshire Rep. DiLorenzo of Newmarket reported, "This bill, if passed, would repeal the exemption from the Right to Know law's public meeting requirements for collective bargaining negotiations. This bill is the same verbatim as HB1344, which was soundly defeated by a 64-vote margin in the House. The bill's supporters have good intentions in seeking more openness in government, however, this measure will create more problems than it seeks to solve" [Concord Monitor, [2.20.18](#); Seacoast Online, [5.11.2018](#); [SB 420](#), died 5.3.2018].

- **Senator Gary Daniels sponsored a Right-to-Work law.** Senator Gary Daniels sponsored SB 11, a Right to Work bill in January 2017. If passed, the law would prevent unions from negotiating contract provisions that require all workers, including non-members, to contribute to the costs of worker representation on the job. Right-to-work laws hurt unions by creating a "free rider" problem. Workers can reap the rewards of unionization, including wages and benefits set by collective bargaining agreements, without having to pay dues. The New Hampshire House rejected this bill in 2017 [Governing, [3/17/17](#); NHPR, [1/13/17](#); [SB 11, Indefinitely Postponed 193-184, 2/16/2017](#)].
- **Senator Gary Daniels voted for a bill similar to ALEC's Parental Choice Scholarship Act.** Senator Gary Daniels voted for SB 193 on 3/9/2017. The bill would give parents state funding to send their children to private schools, including religious schools, or pay for home-schooling. Douglas Ley of Dublin, current president of the American Federation of Teachers in New Hampshire, said the supporters of SB 193 want public funding without public accountability. "The program envisioned here provides very little transparency on how the money is being spent, whether at private schools or through home schooling," he said [[Union Leader](#), 4/4/2017; [SB 193, retained in committee, 10/24/2017](#)].
- **In 2011, then-Representative Gary Daniels voted for a bill that would require parents' consent prior to their daughter receiving an abortion.** As a Representative, Daniels voted in favor of HB 329, a bill that would require parental notification before abortions may be performed on unemancipated minors. Criticizing the proposal, Pilar Olivo, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice NH said, "Notification mandates created delays and intimidating procedures when what young women need is health care and counseling from quality, licensed health care providers right here in New Hampshire. We oppose HB 329 because it puts the health and safety of young women at risk" [[Citizens Count NH](#); [HB 329, passed House 266-102, 6/22/2011](#)].
- **In 2011, then-Representative Gary Daniels voted for a proposal that was a near carbon copy of ALEC's model bill "State Withdrawal from Regional Climate Initiatives."** As a Representative, Gary Daniels voted for HB 519, a bill that repeals New Hampshire's cap-and-trade program. This

bill is a near carbon copy of ALEC's model bill "State Withdrawal From Regional Climate Initiatives." ALEC has led an aggressive push to dismantle regional climate agreements. [Seattle Times, [7/13/2011](#); Grist, [3/16/2011](#); HB 519, passed House 251-108, 3/30/2011]

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#### **Additional Hits**

**Senator Gary Daniels signed a letter delivered to the Senate Judiciary Committee insisting, "Judge Brett Kavanaugh is the single most qualified person in the country to serve on the Supreme Court."** This letter was crafted in partnership with the American Legislative Exchange Council. During his nomination hearing, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's second nominee to the Supreme Court, lied under oath and made plain his political partisanship. Kavanaugh repeatedly contradicted himself and obfuscated direct questioning from Democratic senators during his hearings with the Judiciary Committee. Kavanaugh claimed that allegations of sexual assault lobbed against him amounted to little more than a "political hit made on behalf of the Clintons." With blustering indignation, he levied a threat against Democratic senators during his testimony, warning, "What goes around, comes around." But even before revelations of sexual misconduct surfaced around Kavanaugh, civil rights activists stood in staunch opposition to him. The testimonies of Judge Kavanaugh and his accuser Dr. Christine Blasey Ford have exposed a cultural failure to understand and empathize with the experiences of sexual assault survivors, while Kavanaugh's entire judicial record displays apathy to the liberty and security of women, the LGBTQ community, the disabled community, and people of color generally [Daily Intelligencer, [10.3.2018](#); The Washington Post, [10.2.2018](#)].

**Senator Gary Daniels voted against bipartisan Medicaid expansion reauthorization on which 50,000 New Hampshire residents depend.** In 2018, Senator Gary Daniels voted against SB 313, which reauthorized Medicaid expansion on a bipartisan basis. Fellow Republican, and Majority Leader Jeb Bradley said continuing the program will give the state a much better opportunity to deal with the twin problems of mental health and substance abuse by providing continuity of care and a predictable, known funding stream. He also said he was struck by how many people spoke at a public hearing about how the program has affected them, and he noted that of the 130,000 people who have been enrolled at some point since the expansion took effect in 2014, only 15,000 have been enrolled the entire time [US News, [3.4.18](#); SB 313, Signed by Governor, 4.10.18].