



# Jesse Vanderwende

House of Representatives District  
HD-035  
Republican



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This legislator voted constitutionally on **67%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      Vote

**1. HB70 No Death Penalty for Convicted Murderers** (passed 33 to 8 on 6/18/2024). Eliminates the death penalty in Delaware. **No**

**2. HS2-HB125 "Free" School Meals** (passed 39 to 0 on 6/11/2024). Provides a "free breakfast and lunch every school day" for public school students who qualify, under federal guidelines, for a reduced-price meal. **Yes**

**3. HS2-HB110 Medicaid-Covered Abortion** (passed 26 to 11 on 5/23/2024). Requires Medicaid to cover "services related to the termination of pregnancy." **No**

**4. SB157 "Electronic Money" in the Uniform Commercial Code** (passed 41 to 0 on 6/30/2023). Changes Delaware's definition of "money" to include "electronic money," as provided by the Uniform Commercial Code. **Yes**

**5. HCR56 LGBTQ+ "Pride Month"** (passed 34 to 6 on 6/6/2023). Acknowledges June 2023 as LGBTQ+ "Pride Month." **No**

**6. HB99 Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act** (passed 27 to 13 on 6/6/2023). Establishes a statewide target of "net zero" greenhouse gas emissions from "all economic sectors" by 2050, with at least a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030. **No**



## DELAWARE LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**Rep. Jesse Vanderwende DE Scorecard 2023-2024**  
**Lifetime Score: 58%      2023-2024 Regular Session Score 67%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. No Death Penalty for Convicted Murderers

HB70 eliminates the death penalty in Delaware.

Justice is the overall purpose of civil government. The State of Delaware has a dual role of securing our “unalienable Rights” to life, liberty, and property while punishing anyone responsible for depriving them. Convicted offenders can only themselves be held accountable for their own actions, and punishment for one’s crimes must be borne by that individual. The U.S. Constitution’s “due process” and “equal protection” requirements justly follow the Common Law retributive principle that ‘the punishment should fit the crime.’ Serious crimes, such as first-degree murder, which involves the shedding of innocent blood, demand capital punishment, for mankind has been created in the image of God.

## 2. "Free" School Meals

HS2-HB125 provides “free” meals for public school students who qualify, under federal guidelines, for a reduced-price meal.

Neither feeding children nor educating them is the role of the government. Each of these responsibilities belongs to a child’s parents or family. There can be no such thing as a meal that comes “free of charge.” This type of ‘cradle-to-grave’ program relies on the unconstitutional theft of taxpayer money for use on behalf of some citizens at the expense of others. The citizens of Delaware must not be forced to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

## 3. Medicaid-Covered Abortion

HS2-HB110 requires Medicaid to cover “services related to the termination of pregnancy.”

The care of human life—not its destruction—is the greatest responsibility of government. No person has a right to kill a preborn child using the pretext of “reproductive health services,” let alone tax their neighbor to pay for it. Delaware ought to not only forbid abortion entirely, but end all immoral and anti-constitutional forms of government-imposed theft that take from citizens the wages they have duly earned. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and “unalienable” right protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, whereas Medicaid is an ever-expanding and unsustainable Federal-State ‘entitlement program’ not authorized under Article I, Section 8.

## 4. "Electronic Money" in the Uniform Commercial Code

SB157 changes Delaware’s definition of “money” to include “electronic money,” as provided by the Uniform Commercial Code.

This bill would end free-market-based cryptocurrencies and pave the way for an exclusively government-controlled Central Bank Digital Currency—presenting a significant danger to civil liberties. In fact, this bill was pushed by the Uniform Law Commission, an influential ‘Deep State’ globalist organization that promotes uniform state laws in America, particularly those “consistent with U.S. laws and international obligations,” so as to pursue integration with other countries. Nevertheless, the power to “coin money,” not to mention the adoption of “electronic money,” is among the powers denied to the States in Article 1, Section 10, of the U.S. Constitution.

## 5. LGBTQ+ "Pride Month"

HCR56 acknowledges June 2023 as “LGBTQ+ Pride Month.”

Homosexual *behavior* and “same-sex marriages” should be illegal in Delaware, not honored. Being contrary to the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,” the grossly illicit, self-inhibiting, and unsanitary acts of sexual perversion inherent to the LGBTQ+ movement are destructive of self-government and the family. As with abortion, there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution that can be used to support homosexuality because true “equality” under the law means that there can be no appeal to “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” for anyone apart from the moral sanctions set forth by “their Creator” who grants them with “certain unalienable Rights.” Despite what the General Assembly declares, no amount of celebration can make normal or even constitutional that which truth has told us since time immemorial to abominable and shameful.

## 6. Delaware Climate Change Solutions Act

HB99 establishes a statewide target of “net zero” greenhouse gas emissions.

This bill implements provisions of the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 for “sustainable development,” codifying extreme “environmental justice” measures into state law. Its push for “a just and equitable transition toward a decarbonized economy” on behalf of “disproportionately” impacted and “historically over-burdened and underserved communities” is an alarmist attempt by globalist elites to expand their taxing power and authority. Significantly, the bill allows for the increased use of “carbon storage and sequestration,” which has led to the abuse of eminent domain, encroaching on the property rights of Americans enshrined in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Delaware must act to end the unconstitutional war on fossil fuels that will further threaten free-market enterprise, reduce our standards of living, and compromise the integrity of our nation’s infrastructure.