

## Representative Joan Ballweg



Joan Ballweg is the state representative for the 41st Assembly District located in south central Wisconsin. Currently, Representative Ballweg is the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform. She is a member of the Assembly Committees on Mental Health, Children and Families, and Colleges and Universities. Recently, Representative Ballweg became Chair Elect of the Council of State Governments, a national organization serving all three branches of government.

Her special legislative interests include strengthening families and early childhood education. In 2014, Representative Ballweg chaired the Legislative Council Steering Committee for Supporting Healthy Early Brain Development. In 2015, she also initiated a bi-partisan Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus, which is focused on informing legislative colleagues about and building support for evidence-informed investments in children and families. In addition, she is a member of the Wisconsin Child Abuse Neglect and Prevention Board and Chair of the Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention.

Representative Ballweg led the 2010 Legislative Council Review of Higher Education Financial Aid Programs study committee. In the 2011-12 session, Rep. Ballweg authored the Financial Aid Modernization Act. This bill established a commission to help update the financial aid process in Wisconsin.