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Andrew Norton was born and raised in Colchester, Connecticut. He served in the Connecticut State House from 1987 until 1997. He represented the towns of Colchester, Salem, Montville and East Haddam. He sat on the Finance, Energy, Environment, Human Services and Insurance Committees. He also held the positions of Assistant Minority Leader and then Minority Whip.

After leaving the legislature Andrew worked at the Office of Policy and Management overseeing the closure and then marketing of the former Norwich Hospital. Then in 2000, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the House Republican Office at the State Capitol by Minority Leader Robert Ward.

Since January of 2007, Andrew has worked as the Legislative and Legal Affairs Director for BESB, the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, Connecticut's agency dedicated to serving the blind and our nation's oldest such agency. BESB is now part of the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services, a new state agency created in July of 2011.

Since 1999, Andrew has also served on the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO), the state agency charged with fighting discrimination in all its forms in government and the private sector.

Andrew graduated from Haverford College in Pennsylvania and from the University of Connecticut School of Law with honors.