

Biographical notes

Véronique Hivon

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Véronique Hivon is a four-time Member of the Quebec National Assembly, having represented Joliette as a member of the Parti Québécois from 2008 to 2022. She holds civil law and common law degrees from McGill University, as well as a master's degree in social policy analysis from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Before entering politics, she gained experience in public administration through positions in the Quebec government's Secrétariat aux affaires intergouvernementales canadiennes, now the Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes, and Ministère de la Justice.

As an MNA, Véronique helped establish the Select Committee on Dying with Dignity and was responsible for piloting a bill on end-of-life care. Since the bill's historic adoption in 2014 and its coming into force in 2015, she has remained committed to ensuring it is upheld. In addition, she served on a second bipartisan committee that set forth a recommendation in 2021 to allow advance requests for medical aid in dying.

During her time as minister of social services and youth protection, Véronique developed Quebec's first national policy to fight homelessness. She has also focused on supporting people living with autism spectrum disorders or intellectual disabilities and ensuring funding for community organizations.

On March 8, 2018, in response to the global #metoo movement, Véronique proposed the creation of a specialized court for sexual and domestic violence in order to restore victims' trust in the justice system. Under her leadership, a bill was tabled on the subject in 2021 and passed unanimously.

Véronique decided not to seek a fifth term in the National Assembly and did not stand for re-election in 2022. She is now a visiting professor at Université de Montréal in the political science master's program. In addition to teaching, Véronique is a regular contributor and analyst for Radio-Canada, a public speaker, and a board member for several organizations.

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