

Profile



State Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill

28TH DISTRICT

York County

Kristin Phillips-Hill was elected to serve York County residents in the Pennsylvania Senate in 2018 after serving two terms in the House of Representatives.

As a former small business owner, Kristin has made government efficiency a point of emphasis throughout her tenure in public service.

As the chair of the Senate Communications and Technology Committee, Kristin spearheaded a concerted bipartisan and bicameral effort to improve access to high-speed internet in Pennsylvania.

New reforms have been enacted under Kristin's tenure of the committee that streamline regulations, cut down on time and cost to deploy internet, and establish a specific funding program at the state level to further harness future investment into closing the digital divide.

Kristin also led the fight to provide for flexible instructional days for school districts to use when unforeseen circumstances prevent students from entering the classroom. Her bill, which was signed into law, served as the model that ensured the continuity of education for students amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pennsylvania took a huge step in the fight against human trafficking when Kristin's Senate Bill 60 was signed into law as Act 1 of 2020. Under the law Kristin wrote, criminals who solicit the services of trafficked victims now feel the full weight of the law for their heinous crimes.

Kristin authored six new laws as a senator and had several bills authored by House members also signed into law. New laws range from increasing oversight into prescription drug abuse, to forever remembering local fallen Marines. The governor also vetoed her legislation that would have prevented the state from imposing a COVID-19 vaccination requirement on its citizens and reined in the Acting Secretary of Health from imposing unilateral mandates.

A fiscal hawk, Kristin continues to oppose new taxes and supports legislation calling for greater reform and transparency of government at all levels, but starting at the state level.


She takes her responsibility to manage taxpayer dollars very seriously. She does not participate in the state's pension program or health insurance program, and she commutes to and from Harrisburg using her own vehicle without accepting mileage reimbursement. She was one of four legislators that a government watchdog publication – The Caucus – deemed “exceeds expectations” when it comes to reporting her Senate expenses online citing her combination of transparency and accuracy.

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Kristin continues to be a leading advocate in the Senate for the elimination of school property taxes and continues to sponsor long-overdue reforms to drastically improve the state's business regulatory climate.

She has also challenged the status quo by sponsoring several bills to change the way Harrisburg operates by offering solutions to the state's lobbying laws.

Kristin serves on the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, where she is the vice chairwoman, as well as the Appropriations, Banking and Insurance, Finance and State Government committees. She co-chairs the Broadband Caucus, the Manufacturing Caucus, the YMCA Caucus and the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus.

Community involvement is a staple in Kristin's life. Her extensive volunteer experience includes serving on the board of directors for both Explore York and York County History Center.

Kristin earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public policy from Rutgers University.

Kristin resides in York Township with her husband Rick. They have three children: Victoria, Gavin and Spencer.