

Profile



State Senator Jake Corman

34TH DISTRICT

Centre, Mifflin, and Juniata Counties and part of Huntingdon County

Jacob “Jake” Doyle Corman III, of Centre County, was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania in 1998. Senator Corman represents the 34th Senatorial District, which includes all of Centre, Mifflin, and Juniata counties and part of Huntingdon County.

Senator Corman was elected in 2020 to serve as President Pro Tempore of the state Senate, where he presides over the Senate floor when the Lt. Governor is unavailable and fills the position of Lt. Governor if the office becomes vacant.

As the top-ranking official in the Senate, Senator Corman is responsible for appointing the chairs and members of the Senate’s 22 standing committees while serving as an ex-officio member of those committees. The office also refers bills and resolutions to the appropriate Senate committees for consideration.

From 2015 to 2020, Senator Corman served as Senate Majority Leader, the second highest-ranking position in Senate leadership. In that position, Senator Corman set the legislative agenda, developed policies and strategies for the Senate Republican Caucus, and chaired the Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. He also played a major role in negotiating issues with the Administration and House of Representatives as well as supervising action on the Senate floor.

First elected to Senate Leadership in 2009, Senator Corman served as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which reviews all legislation for its fiscal impact and plays a crucial role in developing the state budget.

Senator Corman has a reputation for taking a pragmatic approach to how the House, Senate and Governor’s office can collaborate to make Pennsylvania government work for Pennsylvanians. His hands-on experience in state and federal government has made him one of the General Assembly’s foremost authorities on public policy and fiscal issues.

Senator Corman has been a leader in addressing issues greatly impacting the Commonwealth. In 2017, Senator Corman prime sponsored Senate Bill 1, legislation to overhaul and modernize Pennsylvania’s pension system and limit future financial risks for taxpayers. Act 5 of 2017 has been hailed nationally as “one of the most comprehensive and impactful reforms any state has implemented” and a catalyst for the “biggest turnaround in contribution adequacy nationwide.”

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In 2013, Senator Corman introduced and pressed for passage of the Endowment Act, which reversed NCAA sanctions against Penn State and directed \$60 million to be used in Pennsylvania to help victims of child sexual abuse. To date, the act has served to directly impact tens of thousands of children and adult survivors of child sexual abuse. These efforts also included the establishment of programs to bring sex abuse education training to elementary schools across the Commonwealth.

The state's largest transportation investment in Commonwealth history also was introduced by Senator Corman and guided to passage in 2013. The legislation's impact reached every resident of the Commonwealth, enabling the state to repair and replace unsafe roads and aging bridges as well as undertake construction projects in congested areas and improve ports, rail lines and mass transit systems.

Senator Corman also introduced a bill that would become the Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law (Senate Bill 1090) – a comprehensive plan to strengthen anti-hazing laws nationwide by emphasizing prevention, enforcement and transparency. Act 80 of 2018 increases penalties for those involved in hazing; requires schools to have policies and reporting procedures in place to stop hazing; ensures that parents and students are provided with information related to the issue; and creates safe harbor provisions so students know they can call for help without fear of prosecution.

Senator Corman continues to advocate for ways to develop Pennsylvania's workforce, strengthen the state's economy and improve the state's education system at all levels. His steadfast commitment to revitalizing business and industry in the Commonwealth has resulted in the creation of new jobs and opportunities for Pennsylvania workers.

Senator Corman obtained an Associate Degree in Communications from the Pennsylvania College of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Pennsylvania State University. Senator Corman resides in Bellefonte, Centre County, with his wife and three children.