

Profile



State Senator Jane Clare Orié

40TH DISTRICT

Allegheny and Butler Counties

Senator Jane Clare Orié is serving her fourth term representing the 40th Senatorial District, which includes Southwestern Pennsylvania communities in Allegheny and Butler Counties.

Prior to joining the State Senate, Orié served two full-terms in the House of Representatives, gaining a reputation as a hard worker and committed advocate for her constituents. Orié also spent 10 years as a prosecutor, serving as state Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Prosecution and an Allegheny County Assistant District Attorney.

Senator Orié has been instrumental in working to strengthen Pennsylvania's domestic violence and child abuse laws and fighting to provide victims with greater rights and protections. She authored the "Domestic Violence Health Care Response Act," which makes Pennsylvania the first state in the nation to establish universal screenings in selected hospitals.

She is also a leader in promoting programs to prevent school violence. Working with many community based organizations across the state, as well as federal, state and local officials, Orié has organized roundtables, forums, training sessions and seminars to implement a multidisciplinary approach to tackling school violence.

Senator Orié authored "Jessica's Law," which imposes a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years for convicted child molesters who prey on children 12 years old and younger. She also led efforts to improve "Megan's Law" and ensure that more sex offenders are required to register under the law. Additionally, Senator Orié is the prime sponsor of legislation which would bring Pennsylvania into compliance with the Federal Adam Walsh Act which seeks uniformity across the country with regard to sexual offenders, and separate legislation to require the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) for certain sex offenders.

As Co-Chair of the Autism Caucus, Senator Orié was honored to be a leader in the passage of Act 62 of 2008, the Autism Insurance legislation. Act 62 provides better protections than any other law in the nation and has become the national model for autism legislation. Autism is one of the most serious developmental disorders in the country today and is more prevalent than pediatric AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined. According to recent studies, there is a 1 in 150 occurrence of autism in children and that number is steadily growing each year.

Another important issue that Senator Orié sponsored was expansion of Pennsylvania's Newborn Screening and Follow-up Program to include 29 "core" genetic conditions that are serious but treatable if caught early. Newborn screening is a vital public health activity that provides early identification and treatment for infants born with life-threatening genetic conditions, including certain metabolic, hormonal, genetic and or functional disorders some of which can be treated through measures as simple as changing diet.

Senator Orié has introduced several bills to reform state government. One of the most prominent being Senate Bill 102, which proposes to eliminate most no bid contracts, including for professional services contracts. SB 102 was introduced to address the issue of "Pay to Play" – the award of no bid professional service contracts to individuals who have connections within State Government due to political contributions or personal connections. It would for the first time provide for an open process which includes: disclosure on how a contract for professional services was awarded, a provision requiring the disclosure of all political contributions made by those who bid on state contracts and annual reports by those who receive state contracts.

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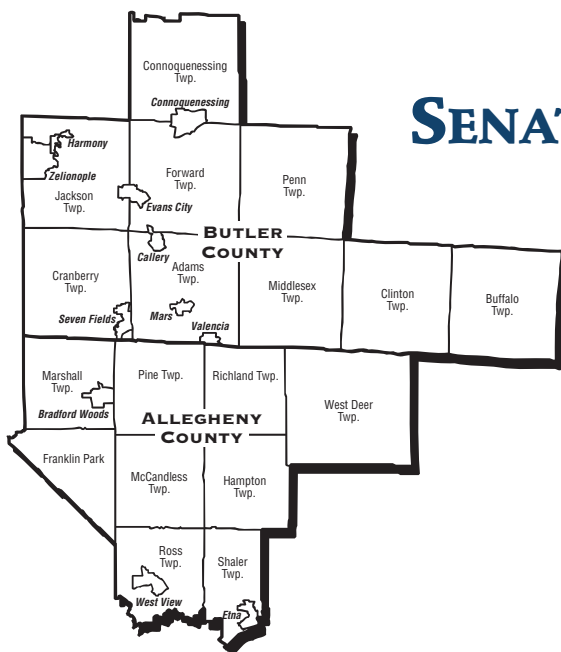
Senator Orie serves on six key Senate committees, including vice chair of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee. She is also a member of the Community, Economic, and Recreational Development; Finance; Inter-Governmental Operations; Judiciary; and Rules and Executive Nominations Committees.

She is an active member of many boards and organizations across Southwestern Pennsylvania and has received awards and accommodations for outstanding commitment and dedication and leadership. In 2008, Senator Orie was 1 of approximately 50 women from around the world who was asked to participate in an intense leadership course, Women and Power: Leadership in a New World, at Harvard University – John F. Kennedy School of Government.

In October 2009, Senator Orie was awarded the Educational Excellence Award by the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary & Secondary School Principals for her significant contributions to the attainment of educational excellence in the Commonwealth's elementary and secondary schools.

In April 2010, Senator Orie was recognized as a stalwart friend of lupus patients and their families by the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania. As Chair of the Lupus Caucus, Senator Orie maintains her commitment to all those suffering from lupus by advocating awareness and education.

A lifelong resident of McCandless Township, Orie has a B.A. degree from Franklin & Marshall College and a law degree from Duquesne University School of Law.



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